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## YAD Mitzvah Day reaches out to Ottawa

By Barry Fishman

Cheder (Hebrew school) has been cancelled for Sunday, January 27.

However, don't expect to see students enjoying a day of skiing or shopping for January bargains. Instead, they and their Jewish day school friends and many of their parents will be at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) taking part in the Young Adult Division, Jewish Federation of Ottawa third annual Mitzvah Day.

"This year, all the schools have reached out to us and will be promoting the program and attending because they believe in it and feel it is important to all their students," says Evan Zelikovitz, who will be co-chairing Mitzvah Day with wife Lenora for the second year.

Synagogues and agencies throughout the city have heavily promoted the event.

So why is Mitzvah Day so popular?

"We all want our children, regardless of what age they are, to understand what others go through, and to come together and focus on doing good deeds for others," Zelikovitz says.

"I think Mitzvah Day teaches some great lessons to our children."

It encompasses all age groups, from the very young to the residents at Hillel Lodge, including many who are usually not very involved with the Federation.

"We are trying to show people that *tzedakah* is more than writing a cheque," says Jack Silverstein, executive director, Federation annual campaign. "Everyone walks away feeling they have actually done something to make the world a better place."

The event has been designed to help both Jewish and non-Jewish organizations.

"The Feeding the Street" program involves children and their parents making lunches that will be distributed to Street Smarts and Centre 454. Street Smarts is a Jewish Family Services (JFS) program that helps the homeless in Ottawa. Every night, Street Smarts professionals and volunteers are in the Byward Market area distributing food, socks and toiletries and giving emotional support to those in need.

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YAD Federation Mitzvah Day Co-chair Lenora Zelikovitz with CBC Radio host Adrian Harewood enjoy making crafts with students at last year's event. Harewood had such a good time, he happily agreed to become this year's honorary chair. See story, page 2.

## Woman refused get by husband wins Supreme Court ruling

By Ron Csillag

(JTA) — In a landmark decision that could provide relief to agunot, Jewish women whose husbands deny them a Jewish divorce, Canada's highest court sided with a woman whose husband had refused for 15 years to grant her a get, a religious writ of divorce.

Making a rare foray into religious matters, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Dec. 14 that the civil divorce agreement Jason (Jessel) Marcovitz signed, in which he agreed to grant his wife Stephanie

Bruker a get, was a valid legal contract that trumps his claims of freedom of religion. The vote was 7-2.

The court awarded \$47,500 to Bruker, now 58, on the basis that her right to remarry and have more children within her faith was blocked by her ex-husband's vindictiveness.

While the ruling was widely applauded by women's groups, some legal scholars and the court's dissenting justices cautioned that the court may have set a precedent for state infringement of freedom of religion.

But Evelyn Brook, president of

the Canadian Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get, called the decision "a great relief."

The ruling "does not say that he had to give her a get. It simply said that because he didn't, then there are things to forfeit," Brook told JTA. "For every husband who has gone back on his promise" in a divorce settlement, "this makes a difference."

The Jewish couple from Montreal was married in 1969 and had a civil divorce in 1980. While Marcovitz initially agreed to grant his

wife a get as part of the divorce agreement, he later changed his mind.

Bruker sued Marcovitz, arguing that without a get she could not remarry according to Jewish law. Also, under Jewish law, any children she would have had outside of a Jewish marriage would have been considered illegitimate.

Marcovitz finally gave Bruker a get in 1995, when she was 46 years old, past child-bearing age for most women, as the court noted.

This "dramatically restricted the

options available to her in her personal life," said the court's ruling, written by Justice Rosalie Abella. "This represented an unjustified and severe impairment on her ability to live her life in accordance with this country's values and her Jewish beliefs."

The husband's refusal to give the get "was based less on religious conviction than on the fact that he was angry at Ms. Bruker," the ruling said.

A lower court initially had found

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## CBC's Harewood returns to Mitzvah Day as honorary chair

By Michael Regenstreif

Adrian Harewood likes to get out into the Ottawa community. In fact, the host of *All in a Day*, CBC Radio One's popular Ottawa afternoon program for the past year-and-a-half, sees it as part of his responsibility.

"I can't fully understand the city if I only stay in the studio," he said.

"I think it's really important to be implicated in the affairs of the community of which I'm a part ...to get to know people, to contribute in whatever way I can in helping to develop the community," added Harewood, who has always been active in whatever community he lived in before becoming a CBC radio host.

"I live here, my family's here; I want to see better schools. I want to see communities that get along, that are able to understand one



Adrian Harewood at work in the CBC radio studio hosting *All in a Day*. (OJB photo: Michael Regenstreif)

another, and if I can help achieve that in any way then I see that as something that I must do," he said.

As a journalist, Harewood does not see himself as being apart from the community, as being above the fray, or being somewhat removed

from the goings-on of the city, in order to maintain journalistic objectivity.

"Without getting involved in conventional politics," he said, "I try to get as involved as I can."

Harewood, who spoke to the Bul-

letin in a recent interview at the CBC's Ottawa studios, is the honorary chair of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's annual Mitzvah Day taking place Sunday, January 27.

Harewood participated in Mitzvah Day last year as part of his efforts at getting out into the Ottawa community. He was so impressed with the event, and enjoyed himself so much, that he enthusiastically accepted the Federation's invitation to be this year's honorary chair.

"I'm really touched and really honoured," he said, to be asked to fill that role. "I know they could have

asked many other people so I take that as a sign of their respect for me. I'm very humbled by that. I see it as a sign of friendship as well," he added.

"I think we really need, as a community, to reach out to people and communicate across the co-

called solitudes that exist within the society, so I feel very fortunate to have been asked to do this."

Recalling his Mitzvah Day experiences last year, Harewood said, "I was struck with just how generous people were. They were very welcoming; the kids in particular."

Harewood added that he highly enjoyed working and talking with kids last year at Mitzvah Day.

"They were very curious, asked me a lot of questions and I enjoyed the conversations."

Harewood also said he made some good friends last year at Mitzvah Day.

"There are people that I met there that I've continued to keep in touch with since that time."

Something else he recalls about Mitzvah Day was the food.

"People were feeding me a lot of great food," he added with a smile.

## Mitzvah Day organizers hope to partner with others

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Centre 454 is a drop-in-centre run by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa that helps individuals with counselling and employment assistance and provides basics such as soap, shower facilities, laundry service and mail and message support. The Mitzvah Knitters will also be at the SJCC to help those interested in knitting a scarf for those two worthy causes.

A room in the SJCC will be dedicated to decorating journals and bookmarks. The journals will be given to women living in shelters and to the JFS Shalom Bayit, a program that helps Jewish women who are being abused by their partners and creates awareness in the

community about this important issue.

The decorated bookmarks will accompany a gift certificate for books from SJCC Gan Preschool to encourage literacy at nearby Seven Public School. As well, funds raised at the fun zone at the SJCC gym will be donated to the school.

Lap warmers, with easy-to-get-into special pouches to keep hands warm, are being prepared for those afflicted with ALS. The disease affects the motor neurons and leads to the wasting away of muscles and causes paralysis. There is no cure for ALS and life expectancy, once diagnosed, is usually two to five years.

Marion Williams, regional man-

ager for Eastern Ontario of the ALS Society of Ontario, appreciates the support of the community.

"It is a wonderful occasion when a community group becomes involved with us so we can assist ALS families. There are so many challenges there. The fact that mitzvah means 'good deeds' is very characteristic of what ALS families so often require from their communities – just small good deeds that allow them to carry on their journey with some dignity while knowing that the community cares," she says.

Grade 6 students from Hillel Academy and Charles H. Hulse Public School will join forces on Monday January 21 to make the lap

blankets. The two schools often hold special programs to promote understanding of their different cultural and religious backgrounds.

Holiday boxes containing menorahs, dreidels, Seder plates and matzah covers will be created for those in need. Children will also have the opportunity to prepare 'cheer kits' for shut-ins and for those in hospitals.

One of the more popular mitzvahs involves children and seniors making crafts together at Hillel Lodge.

"To see these seniors engaged and sitting with kids doing mitzvahs is fantastic. It really doesn't get any better than that," says Zeilikovitz.

He says he would like to see

Mitzvah Day expand to include others.

"I always had a vision that we could partner with the city or other non-Jewish community centres. The Jewish community could be seen as the leader, but by no means does it have to be exclusive to the Jewish community. Our recipients aren't exclusively in the Jewish community. And so partners and others who participate shouldn't be either," he insists.

To volunteer to help during Mitzvah Day or to pre-register for the event, contact Lindsay Rothenberg at 613-798-4697 ext. 270 or [lrothenberg@jewishottawa.com](mailto:lrothenberg@jewishottawa.com). On-site registration begins at 8:00 am, followed by breakfast.

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## Honouring Holocaust victims by fighting genocide in Darfur

By Michael Regenstreif

Yoni Levitan is a busy activist highly engaged in efforts to end the genocide in Darfur. This month, the Ottawa-born activist was part of a delegation that spent five days in the Sudan observing the crisis first hand and meeting with Darfuris and government officials.

Levitana, executive director of STAND (Students Taking Action Now Darfur) Canada and a first year law student in Toronto at York University's Osgoode Hall Law School, spoke to the *Bulletin* on the eve of his departure for the Sudan.

Levitana first became involved in the issue about two years ago. After seeing newspaper references to the crisis, he felt he must act and founded a STAND chapter at Queen's University in Kingston where he was then working on his undergraduate degree.

"The issue of genocide, and genocide prevention, is a very compelling issue to me because it's a man-made phe-

nomenon," he said, "so I think it's something that man has the responsibility to stop."

"As well, in my first year of university, I went on a trip called *Anguish to Hope* that went to Poland for five days followed by a birthright trip to Israel and, after being on that trip, I felt the best way to honour the memory of those lost in the Holocaust was to fight against contemporary genocides and contemporary ethnic cleansing."

According to Levitan, the powerlessness of the United Nations (UN) to act in Darfur is rooted in the fact that the world body has been starved of resources by its member states.

"Once the member states decide that this issue is a priority, then the UN will be given the resources it needs to do a better job than it has until now," he said. "What STAND Canada is trying to do is create the political will in Canada to make Darfur a foreign policy priority."

Levitana outlined several ways that Canada could act in



Yoni Levitan visits the *Bulletin* office before leaving for the Sudan. (OJB photo: Michael Regenstreif)

helping to stop the genocide in Darfur.

"The first is by supplying material and supplies for the recently deployed UN/African Union force. They're very short on armoured vehicles and even on basic equipment. Some of the African countries that

have contributed troops do not have even have food rations for their troops. So Canada could say that none of the troops would arrive without being properly outfitted," he said.

Levitana said that if Canada and other countries gave the force the resources it needs, it could be much more effective in establishing security and stability around the refugee camps.

"What the people in the camps want," he said, "is to be able to go home and live in safety and security. If they go home right now, they have no assurance their village won't be looted and burned again."

A second thing Canada should do, according to Levitan, is appoint a special envoy to the region.

"Canada has no high-level diplomat whose sole job is to focus on Sudan and, more specifically, the crisis in Darfur," he said.

"As well," he added, "Canada should try and help with the rebel unification efforts. Because of a lack of attention from the world community, the situation has fragmented a lot. Originally, there were two rebel groups, but now there's closer to 10."

Levitana also called for Canada and other countries to impose sanctions including travel bans, asset freezes and targeted divestment.

"That gives some incentive for the [Sudanese] government to start acting in good faith," he added.

Levitana's trip to the Sudan was organized by Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan (CASS), a non-governmental agency run by Jane Roy and her husband, Glen Pearson, the Liberal MP for London North Centre. CASS invited STAND Canada to send representatives, including Levitan, on the mission.

"The goal of the trip," said Levitan, "is to observe a lot of things firsthand. We're going to see developmental projects, meet demobilized child soldiers, meet people from the government and we're going to visit the camps

themselves."

Levitana said it's important to hear firsthand stories from the Darfuris, to let them know there are people who care, and that their message will be brought home.

Levitana also called attention to STAND Canada's 1-800-GENOCID(E) program and urged his fellow Canadians to participate in the effort to mobilize Canadian political will to act on the crisis. By calling the number – 1-800-436-6243 – people are given talking points and are then transferred to the offices of Canadian politicians, including Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier and Opposition Leader Stéphane Dion, to let the politicians know how important the issue is.

Levitana said that STAND is also mobilizing for the federal election widely expected this year with the intention of making the genocide in Darfur an issue that all parties and politicians must address.

In a future edition, the *Bulletin* will have a report on Levitan's visit to Darfur.

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# Raffi Shainfarber: an activist in the making

By Kinneret Globerman

When Raffi Shainfarber decided to go on the March of Remembrance and Hope last May, he chose Elie Wiesel's statement, "to remain silent and indifferent is the greatest sin of all," as the focus of his application essay.

As he marched through Poland and Germany, with Holocaust and Rwandan genocide survivors and about 60 other university students from various religious and cultural backgrounds, Wiesel's words took on new and added meaning for the 20-year-old. Shainfarber emerged from the experience as an activist.

Not that the third year Carleton student in public affairs and policy management would call himself that. Shainfarber would rather say he is passionate about tolerance and dedicated to educating people about what a lack of it can do, the most extreme result being genocide.

"I consider myself a concerned student, and then, I guess in brackets, an activist," he says. "It's very difficult for a student to be an activist. I'm being active when I can. I'm speaking out when I can."

Yet for someone who doesn't call himself an activist, Shainfarber's actions say otherwise. In August, he became president of Students Helping Others Understand



Raffi Shainfarber (in cap) and other students in Poland listen to a speaker during the March of Remembrance and Hope.

Tolerance (SHOUT), a group that emerged in 2005 as a result of the March. Taking SHOUT's motto – "inspired by memory, committed to change" – to heart, SHOUT organized a recent multi-faith evening as part of Holocaust Education Week and then partnered with the Continuing Crisis in Darfur Conference at the University of Ottawa for another event soon after.

The goal of the interfaith panel discussion was to get people thinking about the importance of Holocaust education for Jews and non-Jews alike. The challenge of putting on these kinds of

events, says Shainfarber, is that 95 per cent of the time, the people attending are not necessarily the ones needing the message. He recalls the Rwandan survivor in the audience who said she was frustrated by the fact that people aren't listening, that no one cares about the stories.

"That's why it's important to keep going and to keep working hard," he says. "It would be naive to think you can change the world, but maybe you can do it one person at a time."

On the final day of March of Remembrance and Hope, Shainfarber saw how things can change, one person at a

time. He and his fellow marchers were in Warsaw, talking about their experiences, when one of marchers said he felt that he shouldn't be there, that he was cheating everyone, that he was a fraud. When the others queried him, he told them his grand-

father had been a Nazi.

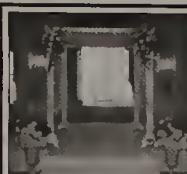
After the initial shock, they embraced him.

"Many felt that was the most hope-filled moment of the entire trip," says Shainfarber. "You're sitting in Poland, more than 60 years after the Holocaust and a grandchild of a Holocaust survivor is hugging the grandchild of a Nazi. So, if that is possible, why isn't anything possible?"

Shainfarber has worked very hard to ensure that SHOUT includes students from many different backgrounds, that it's not exclusively a Jewish organization and not perceived as one.

He's hoping SHOUT can make a difference. "I don't have unrealistic goals, just one person at a time."

Although he would prefer that such activism not be necessary, Shainfarber plans to continue with SHOUT. Repeating Wiesel's statement that 'to remain silent and indifferent is the greatest sin of all,' he declares: "I plan not to sin that way."



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## Doing good deeds makes a big difference

*Editor's note: JFO Chair Jonathan Freedman has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so they can provide some insight into their operations.*

When Bill and Melinda Gates contribute \$1 billion towards HIV research or famine in Africa, it's a mitzvah of immense proportion that is reported around the world. The Gateses are heralded as global heroes. And so they should be.

The reality is we can't all give as the Gateses can. So when members from our community and students from our Jewish day schools and cheders come to the Soloway Jewish Community Centre to participate in the 3rd Annual Mitzvah Day on January 27 and create a fleece lap blanket for someone confined to a wheelchair with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), they should also be regarded as heroes.

This is what Mitzvah Day is really all about and why it is so important to our community.

Mitzvah Day is not about fixing the world. It's about reminding ourselves and teaching our children that doing good



things for others no matter how big or small makes a difference.

In fact, it makes a big difference.

Last year Hillel Academy created a Mitzvah Tree and students who performed a mitzvah received a leaf to put on the tree.

We realized how valuable the Mitzvah Tree was when our daughter came home from school one day and told us with great pride that she received her first Mitzvah Leaf.

She told us that her friend fell and hurt herself in the playground and that she helped her to the school office and then stayed and kept her company for the rest of recess. The school decided that such a gesture was a mitzvah. She didn't stop famine in Africa. But she helped a friend in need because she felt it was the right thing to do.

## Federation Report

Evan and Lenora Zelikovitz  
Mitzvah Day Co-chairs

Mitzvah Day is about doing one good deed at a time with the hope that we can improve someone's day or week or life. It's about understanding that all the little good deeds we do are just as important as the big ones that Bill Gates does – whether it's that \$1 billion dollars for Africa or the collection of toys for the Mitzvah Day Toy Drive that will be sent to children in Israel whose parents cannot afford to buy their children toys of their own. Our kids have already set aside the toys they are going to donate for Mitzvah Day and they feel really good knowing some underprivileged children will have a new toy to play with.

Mitzvah Day is about better appreciating the things we have – good health, companionship, a warm bed, food whenever we want it, a new book to read or a menorah

to light on Chanukah. Yes, that's right; some people can't afford a menorah to celebrate Chanukah. On Mitzvah Day we will be creating Holiday Boxes filled with personally decorated menorahs, dreidels, and Passover seder plates, which will be distributed to underprivileged families and people in shelters.

Mitzvah Day will also offer the opportunity to spend some time with and put smiles on the faces of residents of Hillel Lodge. We all need to understand and appreciate the importance of our community's elders who cared for us all for so many years and who now require others to care for them. To spend some quality time at Hillel Lodge and make a craft that will help brighten up someone's room is truly a good deed. And to watch your children interact so innocently and excitedly with the elderly is something for all to come and see.

So do yourself, your children and your community a favour – skip the skiing for just one day and come and celebrate Mitzvah Day with your community on Sunday, January 27 at the SJCC.

We can all make a difference – one good deed at a time.

## A lesson in parenting I learned in Paris

I write these words as I sit on an airplane returning home from a visit to Paris, France, where I grew up.

Taking my family to Paris allowed for lots of childhood memories to resurface and for special moments to be relived. Showing my children the house I grew up in, the school I went to and, of course, spending Shabbat and praying in the shul we used to attend – where I had my Bar Mitzvah – was a unique experience. I reflect back on a wonderful week where even the day-to-day things, like picking up my fresh baguette in the morning and buying shoes at my good old cordonnier, were filled with warm childhood memories.

One of the highlights was the afternoon we spent in the "Pletzel" or, as it is called in French, Le Marais, the old Jewish quarter in the 3rd Arrondissement. After a visit to the Jewish Museum, we walked the small narrow streets surrounded by kosher restaurants and little boutiques. I walked into Kosher Pizza, one of the first kosher pizzerias to open in Paris 30 years ago, and it all started coming back to me (I was there at the grand opening).

Michel is still rolling the dough behind the counter and the brick ovens still look



**From the pulpit**

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the same. As I stop and let my memory flow, I even remember the song that was playing on that first day when I first tasted Michel's pizza. It was a new song by MBD on the Hebrew words of the famous sage Hillel: *Im lo achshav emosy*.

As I look at my children I become conscious of the power of childhood memories, down to the music one hears. The warm memories I am reliving this week are thanks to my parents. Now that my children stand in front of me, I realize it is I who will help create special memories for them.

Living in a generation where we look for ways to ensure Jewish continuity and to guarantee that our children and grandchildren are proud and connected Jews, I have learned a simple lesson. Creating warm and meaningful Jewish memories for our chil-

dren is something that is in the hands of every parent. Such as when going to shul or Hebrew school is presented not as a chore children need to do before their Bat/Bar Mitzvah, but rather as something significant and precious that is part of who we are.

It goes without saying that the shul and school have their role to play; however, as parents, we can make the "going" a meaningful and memorable experience in Jewish life that will create warm memories for our children that they will pass on to the next generation.

Celebrating Shabbat and showing our children the beauty of stopping once a

week to concentrate on the important things in life – God, family and community – is something that will stay with them forever. Participating and getting involved in Jewish life in our community will guarantee our children will be engaged Jews.

Being role models and creating warm Jewish memories for our children is something we must do as parents. For it will have a tremendous impact on their life and development as the Jewish leaders of tomorrow. As the MBD song playing at Kosher Pizza 30 years ago went, quoting Hillel the great sage: "... if not now, when."

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# Kosher Food Bank needs our help to survive



**Editor**

**Barry Fishman**

I have this fantasy about writing a heart-warming column on the closing of Agudath Israel's Kosher Food Bank (KFB) because – get ready for this – it is no longer needed.

In my fantasy, poor seniors, the sick, the disabled and the unemployed now have enough to live on and can afford to buy kosher products. No child goes hungry and no one, because of illness, disability or age, has to worry about where their next meal will come from or if they have enough groceries to last until their next visit to the food bank.

Unfortunately, I won't be writing that column any time soon.

The sad truth is the KFB cannot keep up with the demand. In the past year alone, 20 new people have been added to their client list and the situation has become so dire that the KFB no longer accepts referrals from Jewish Family Services. Imagine, people who think it is important to keep kosher and can't.

As well, the KFB no longer supports the JFS Street Smarts program, which helps, among others, the 10 to 12 homeless Jews living on the streets of Ottawa.

It gets worse.

The food bank is now running a deficit and unless we, as a community, help, they could eventually be forced to close; or, at the very least, drastically cut back on what they provide.

The KFB relies solely on the support of the community.

"It is our only source of donations. We

are not funded by the Federation or Jewish Family Services, Agudath Israel or any other organization," says Karen Fainstein, co-chair of the food bank. "People have the misconception that we are."

Expenses continue to rise.

"A lot of the No Name products that we were able to buy, no longer have the *hechshers* on them," says Fainstein.

"Although Loblaw lets us know when there are sales, no matter how you look at it, kosher meat is expensive."

It costs the food bank \$6,050 per month to serve 162 people.

"We are not giving them enough food for the month. It is a stop gap to tide them over. They definitely need it," she says.

Food drives and food donations help fill up the shelves of the food bank.

"Hillel Academy has a couple of very good food drives a year and Adath Shalom has one on Kol Nidre. Because of food drives, we don't have to purchase as much from our wholesaler," she says.

So what can we do to help overcome

the crisis?

Now, most of you know from reading this paper that on Sunday, January 27, there will be a lot of people at the SJCC and Hillel Lodge taking part in Mitzvah Day – probably hundreds. So here is one more mitzvah we can do. That day, bring some non-perishable goods with you for the food bank. They need food such as peanut butter, coffee, tea, salmon, tuna, pasta, tomato sauce, rice, juices, canned vegetables, soup and crackers. All food must have a kosher symbol. As well, toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, diapers and paper and cleaning products are needed. If you can't make it to Mitzvah Day, drop off your purchases at the food bins at Loblaw's College Square, Agudath Israel, Temple Israel, Torah Academy and the SJCC.

The Kosher Food Bank also purchases much of its food at wholesale prices, so financial contributions go a long way toward feeding those in need. To make a tax deductible donation, call Agudath Israel at 613-728-3501.

"We are grateful for whatever anyone wants to give," says Fainstein.

I remember writing an article, a number of years ago, when the food bank faced a similar crisis. Within days, people responded. This is such a generous community that I expect a similar response this time as well.

However, the perplexing question is what we can do to make sure the food bank can,

in the future, continue feeding the ever-expanding numbers of those in need.

Here are some ideas.

Mitzvah Day is about teaching our children to make the world a better place. So why not, for your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah, create festively wrapped centrepieces containing non-perishable kosher food that can be donated following your simcha? Guests could be encouraged to bring non-perishable goods to the event.

All synagogues in the city should have a Kosher Food Bank bin and congregants should be encouraged to fill them up on a regular basis.

We can make the food bank part of our routine by donating food or money on a regular basis.

Agencies holding events can ask those attending to bring a donation for the food bank.

The food bank is in desperate need of organizations or individuals who can help organize fundraisers for them. If you are interested, please contact co-chairs Karen Fainstein at 613-725-0473 or Linda Shiff at 613-829-4831 with your suggestions.

Perhaps, some day, I will be able to write that heartwarming article on the community no longer needing the Kosher Food Bank. But until that time arrives, I'll settle for never having to write another article about the crisis facing the food bank.

With your help, that just may happen.

## Support the peacemakers in their quest



**Michael Regenstreif**

In 1990, when I was working as a free-lance reporter for the *Canadian Jewish News* in Montreal, I covered a speech given by Yossi Beilin, who was then an opposition Labour member of the Israeli Knesset. Beilin gave what I thought was an inspiring, hope-filled speech about the need for Israel and the Palestinians to make peace and end the decades of occupation, terrorism and endless cycles of violence.

There was a question-and-answer period after Beilin's speech and one of the people who came to the microphone was Ruth R. Wisse, then a professor of Yiddish literature at McGill University – she's now at Harvard – and a frequent contributor to *Commentary Magazine*, a once-liberal journal that was, by then, a bastion of neo-conservatism.

Wisse lit into Beilin with a viciousness that remains vivid in my memory nearly two decades later. How dare he, she said, come to the Diaspora and express a point of view that does not adhere strictly to that of the government of Israel. Yitzhak Shamir then led a Likud-dominated government in Israel. Wisse also turned her wrath on the organization sponsoring Beilin's lecture saying it was also the duty of Diaspora Jews, and Jewish organiza-

tions, to support the government-of-the-day in Israel in whatever policies it was pursuing.

I don't think there was any question that Wisse was a Likud supporter. Back in those days, I heard other right wing commentators express similar points of view on how it was a betrayal of Israel and Zionism to do anything short of unquestioningly support whatever action was taken by the Israeli government.

Skip ahead about three years, and Beilin was, by then, Israel's deputy minister of foreign affairs in a Labour-dominated government headed by Yitzhak Rabin. In that period, Beilin was one of the architects of the Oslo Accords that, for an all-too-brief period, created the hope that peace might finally come for Israel. It was such a hopeful day on September 13, 1993 when the accords were signed and Bill Clinton engineered the handshake between

Rabin and Yasser Arafat on the White House lawn.

Given the opinions I heard Wisse express back in 1990, I would certainly have thought that Wisse – and others of her philosophic persuasion – would be falling into line and cheering on Rabin and his government as they sought to end the violence and usher in an era of peace. But with an Israeli government pursuing an agenda of peace that would end the occupation and cede most of the occupied West Bank to a Palestinian state, Wisse, and many other vocal Likud supporters, were waging a war of words against the Israeli government's plan.

The hope of peace remained strong for a couple of years following the handshake on the White House lawn. In 1994, when Rabin, his deputy, Shimon Peres, and Arafat shared the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts at peacemaking and the Israeli government continued to work for peace through most of 1995 despite the loud Likud opposition led by Benjamin Netanyahu. But then, on November 4, 1995, the dream began to crumble when Rabin, leaving a peace rally, was assassinated, not by a Palestinian terrorist, but by Yigal Amir, a supposedly religious Orthodox Jew, the son of a rabbi, who so hated

the idea of peace that he plotted and murdered the prime minister of Israel.

Now, once again, after so much more Palestinian terrorism and Israeli reprisals, there is an effort afoot to bring peace to Israel and the Palestinians.

Will the efforts begun at the Annapolis Conference succeed? Probably not. The governments of both Israel and the Palestinians are weak and Gaza remains in the control of Hamas, Islamic fundamentalists who don't think there's room for Jews in their vision of the Middle East. And, déjà vu, Netanyahu is again leading Likud and working against the peace process with support in Israel and in the Diaspora.

But even if this current round of negotiations fails to bring peace, this government of Israel, and future governments of Israel, must continue to work for the day when peace will finally come. And, while I don't think anyone should feel obligated to blindly support any government in anything it does, I do think that we do owe our support to any government that seeks to bring peace and justice to Israel, and to the Palestinians.

As Jews, we hold *Tikkun Olam* – repairing the world – as a cherished ideal. Until there is peace, we are far from a world in repair.



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- (3) **Personal Tragedy in a Time of Communal Needs: The Reactions of Moshe and Aharon to the Deaths of Aharon's Sons**, Thurs., Jan. 31 at 7:30 pm, Soloway Jewish Community Centre

### Workshop: An Encounter with the Talmud, Sun., Feb 3, 10:00am-3:00 pm, Soloway Jewish Community Centre

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To ensure adequate seating for Rabbi Tabasky's events at Carleton and the SJCC, please pre-register for the sessions you wish to attend with the Zelikovitz Centre 613-520-2600, ext. 1320 or [jewish\\_studies@carleton.ca](mailto:jewish_studies@carleton.ca).

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All events are free and open to the public. For more information: Tel: 613-520-2600, ext. 1320, email: [jewish\\_studies@carleton.ca](mailto:jewish_studies@carleton.ca) [www.carleton.ca/jewishstudies](http://www.carleton.ca/jewishstudies)



General Rick Hillier, along with Canadian Jewish Congress Co-Presidents Sylvain Abitbol and Rabbi Reuven Bulka, unveils the "We Love Our Troops" lapel pins.

(OJB photo: Michael Regenstreif)

## Rabbi Bulka's declaration sparks national campaign

By Michael Regenstreif

It began with a seemingly spontaneous moment during the Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11 at the National War Memorial when Rabbi Reuven Bulka, honorary chaplain of the Dominion Command, Royal Canadian Legion, told the thousands in attendance that supporting our troops was not enough.

"We love our troops," said the rabbi, eliciting a round of applause.

When Rabbi Bulka asked the crowd to repeat the phrase, they responded with an enthusiasm never before seen at the typically solemn event.

Rabbi Bulka's call for expressions of love for Canada's servicemen and women was a national sensation attracting headlines and editorial comment in news outlets across the country.

In addition to his rabbinical duties at Machzikei Hadas Congregation, Rabbi Bulka is also co-president of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), and recently announced a CJC-led initiative, in conjunction with UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, to distribute 10,000 "We Love Our Troops" lapel pins.

Speaking at an Ottawa press conference announcing the pin campaign, Rabbi Bulka said he certainly didn't expect the tremendous response that his call to express love for Canada's soldiers received. But, he said, the

need for a stronger expression than the standard 'We support our troops,' was something he'd been sensing for a long time.

"We have an emotional connection with our troops," said Rabbi Bulka, "we love our troops."

Following the tremendous reaction he received on November 11, Rabbi Bulka approached his CJC colleagues with the idea of carrying the support for the troops further by doing something tangible.

General Rick Hillier, Canada's chief of defence staff, the country's top soldier, attended the lapel pin launch and expressed his gratitude to Rabbi Bulka for his words on November 11 and for the lapel pin initiative.

"Sometimes one person starts something that makes a strategic difference," said the general.

It's vitally important that the men and women serving Canada, and their families, know that Canadians are behind them, said Hillier. "Because of Rabbi Bulka and others, the men and women in the Canadian Armed Forces believe what they are doing is important," he added. "Because of this, they accept the risks they do."

The "We Love Our Troops" lapel pins have been donated by Giant Tiger Stores Limited and will be available free of charge, while quantities last, at Giant Tiger stores beginning in late-January.

## Get decision: two judges dissent

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for Bruker. But last year, Quebec's Court of Appeal overturned the judgment, saying it was purely a religious matter protected by Quebec's Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms.

Marcovitz also had argued that the reason he withheld the get was because his wife had breached their civil agreement by becoming less observant and by turning the couple's daughters against him.

In their dissent, two Supreme Court judges warned that Marcovitz's promise to provide his wife with a get was a "purely moral obligation," and that finding otherwise will expand

courts into areas where they have no jurisdiction.

The high court ruling was closely watched by Jewish women across Canada, including Canadian-born women living in the United States whose husbands have refused to grant them the get they need to be able to remarry within Judaism.

This was the first such case to come before Canada's Supreme Court since Ottawa's adoption in 1990 of amendments to the Divorce Act, which prohibited anyone from maintaining barriers to the religious remarriage of their spouse.



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"I'm delighted to be chairing the Telethon again," says Robin. "It's a very satisfying undertaking. People are genuinely happy to hear from JNF and pleased to support the cause by purchasing a tree or several trees in honour or memory of people who are special to them."

"In fact," she says, the Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon is a win-win-win situation. It raises significant dollars for JNF, Israel benefits tremendously and the volunteers, donors and recipients feel good!"

Robin urges anyone interested in helping out to call the JNF office and arrange for a two-hour calling shift. "Our callers are always warmly received by the community and we keep the whole gang pleasantly fuelled with the fantastic selection of kosher sandwiches, soft drinks, coffee and tea that are donated each year."

"There's an upbeat feeling to this annual JNF Telethon and the Ottawa Jewish community always responds beautifully," Robin says. "We'd love to welcome some new volunteers to our old guard. It's a gratifying and yes, even fun."

JNF is again indebted to The Regional Group for its generosity in allowing us use of its offices for the 2008 Telethon.

To volunteer for the 2008 Telethon, please call the JNF office, 613.798.2411.

#### KKL-JNF takes part in Bali Conference

A four-person KKL-JNF delegation participated in the recent UN Conference on Global Warming held in Bali. On 'Forest Day', the Israeli delegation presented an overview of its work on desert afforestation.

In a series of meetings with UN official and representatives of environmental organizations worldwide, the KKL-JNF delegation explored options for bilateral co-operation on environmental matters and discussed shared solutions to local and regional ecological problems. As well, they met with representatives from developing countries and offered them KKL-JNF's assistance with and information about climatic influences.

The effort to conserve the environment unites all countries of the world," said Efi Stenzler, KKL-JNF world chairman. "The participation of KKL-JNF representatives and other members of the Israeli delegation proves Israel has made a genuine commitment to keep the planet green, but final success can only be achieved by international cooperation."

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## Adath Shalom Congregation helps Jews of Santiago de Cuba

By Alma Norman

As part of its service to the people of Santiago de Cuba, the Jewish community runs a small dispensary at its synagogue that offers non-prescription medication and other items such as band aids, etc., so difficult to obtain in Cuba, to anyone in need.

This year, for the second time, Adath Shalom's Social Action Committee is sending those necessities to Santiago when my husband and I visit there in February. We hope Ottawa's Jewish community will be interested in this mitzvah. Any items can be left either at the security desk at Hillel Academy or in the Adath Shalom mail box. If preferred, a cheque earmarked for this cause can be sent to Syd Markel, our finance secretary, at 34 Qualicum Street, Ottawa, K2H 7G8. An income tax receipt will be issued for all donations.

When we visited Santiago de Cuba last February and looked up the Jewish community, we found a fully functioning synagogue, although the congregation is small. The synagogue itself is tiny, but, within that small space, Jewish activities vibrate.

The Jewish community of Santiago was founded in 1924 as the Jewish Society of Eastern Cuba by a group of Turkish Jews. However, as time passed, the community was supplemented by increasing numbers of Ashkenazis fleeing persecution in Europe who were refused asylum elsewhere, including, lamentably, Canada. In

1939, the first synagogue was built.

The community flourished modestly as a Sephardic congregation until the revolution in 1959. Although many of the more prosperous members left at that time, services continued to be held. In 1968, severe anti-religion policies were adopted by the government and it became increasingly difficult to continue functioning.

Young people were less involved or interested in synagogue activities. Religious life became sporadic and it even became difficult to find a minyan. In 1979, the congregation decided to dissolve itself. All ritual objects, including the Sefer Torah, were sent to the synagogue in Havana, and the building was taken over by the provincial government. Thus began what is called *Etapa de silencio* – the period of silence.

But the Jewish community in Santiago has been reborn.

In 1991, owing to a more open attitude on the part of the government, it was decided the time had come to

regroup, reorganize and revitalize the Jewish community. After two years of hard and persistent negotiations, the synagogue building was returned to the community.

In 1995, the new synagogue, aptly named Hatikvah, was dedicated and opened its doors once more to Jewish observance, this time as a Conservative synagogue. Using old photos, the workers succeeded in constructing a refurbished and renovated synagogue very similar in all respects to the original.

Today, the synagogue is an active Jewish presence. In addition to the dispensary, which serves all of Santiago de Cuba, there are on-going Jewish activities. Friday night services and communal Shabbat meals are held every Shabbat and all holidays are observed. There are a religious school and two young peoples groups: a dance group called *Atideinu* and a younger children's group, *Eitzim Ktanim*.

In 2004, this community celebrated its 80th anniversary.

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# Israeli scholar to visit Ottawa for Week of Jewish Learning

By Abigail Bimman

Renowned Talmudic scholar Rabbi Chaim Tabasky will be visiting Ottawa as Carleton University's Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies hosts its first-ever 'Week of Jewish Learning' for both students and the community at large from January 30 to February 3.

Rabbi Tabasky is visiting from Israel, where he teaches Talmud at the Machon HaGavaa L'Torah (Institute of Advanced Torah Studies) at Bar-Ilan University. He has also taught for many years in Jerusalem yeshivas, for both men and women, specifically in programs for English speaking academics.

Rabbi Tabasky met Deidre Butler, the Zelikovitz Centre's assistant director, when she studied Gemara with him last summer in Israel.

"What struck me was his ability to open the study of these texts to a wide range of experience, linguistic expertise and religious backgrounds. His love of these texts was infectious," Butler said.

She invited him to come to Ottawa to teach. The Zelikovitz Centre collaborates with the community wherever possible, Butler

said, and the idea was warmly embraced by the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC). Jewish Education through Torah (JET), the Ottawa College for Jewish Studies and Congregation Machzikei Hadas, who are co-sponsoring the events.

The week begins Wednesday, January 30 with a three-part series, "The Nature of Torah Study." Sessions will be held at Carleton on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning and at the SJCC on Thursday evening.

Rabbi Tabasky will also lead a shabbaton at Congregation Machzikei Hadas and a full-day Talmud workshop on Sunday at the SJCC on the weekend.

Rabbi Tabasky grew up in Massachusetts but his only previous visit to Canada was a childhood jaunt across the border at Niagara Falls. He said he is looking forward to visiting Ottawa and, most importantly, meeting the Jewish community.

"I've been assured that Ottawa is a warm, embracing community," he said in a phone interview.

"I have been a scholar in residence in several communities in the United States, but never for five days. This allows me to meet people several times in each situation, and that's

While he described himself as being "as orthodox as they come" and stresses that not every situation is open-ended, he said it is important for people to consider all options in study.

Roitman's first talk at Temple Israel will be *Two Models of Women in Ancient Israel: Esther and Judith* following Friday evening services. Then, following Shabbat morning services, he will discuss *The Origin of Evil in Ancient Jewish Thought*.

Then, on Saturday evening, Roitman will be at the SJCC to discuss *The Temple in Jerusalem and the Dead Sea Scrolls*.

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Rabbi Chaim Tabasky

very exciting for me – to see what can grow from that," he said.

Rabbi Tabasky said that in approaching his lectures and workshops, he wants people to think about Torah study in terms of creative involvement.

"I would like people to think both in terms of being committed to an honest examination of text, but on the other hand to examine it creatively and to not be committed to accepting anyone's particular interpretation. It is important to come to something which resonates and which feels right to the person. That's across the board for anything I'll be teaching."

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## Expert on Ancient Israel coming to Temple Israel and SJCC

Adolfo Roitman, the curator of the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, will be in Ottawa for Shabbat talks at Temple Israel on Friday and Saturday, February 1 and 2 and a Saturday evening lecture at the SJCC.

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All topics will be applicable to real-life issues, Rabbi Tabasky said. The Thursday evening lecture, for example, is about the reactions of Moses and Aaron to the deaths of Aaron's sons.

"This involves dealing with tragedy in a situation of social responsibility where one has to balance between one's obligations to the community and one's own obligations or emotional spiritual needs," he said. "That's a very exciting class for me, because it pits rational study against processing."

"The Zelikovitz Centre is delighted to be able to afford this opportunity for traditional Jewish 'learning' to university students as well as the community at large.

"We hope this will be the first in a series of such ventures," said Zelikovitz Centre director Aviva Freedman.

The Week of Jewish events are free and open to the public.

To pre-register for a session, call 613-520-2600, ext. 1320 or e-mail [jewish\\_studies@carleton.ca](mailto:jewish_studies@carleton.ca). A full calendar of events is available at [www.carleton.ca/jewishstudies](http://www.carleton.ca/jewishstudies).

To reserve a spot at the shabbaton, call Congregation Machzikei Hadas at 613-521-9700.

Jewish thought at the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and a lecturer of ancient Judaism at Jerusalem's Hebrew Union College.

He is the author of several books including *A Day at Qumran: The Dead Sea Sect and Its Scrolls*, *The Sectarians from Qumran: Daily Life of the Essenes and Environs*, *The Temple: Scrolls, Stones and Symbols*. Roitman is currently writing a book on the biblical book of Judith, which is part of the Hebrew Bible's Apocrypha.

Tickets for Roitman's lecture at the SJCC are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 613-798-9818, ext. 295.

## Benita Siemiatycki to co-ordinate new Jewish information service

The Jewish Federation of Ottawa has announced the appointment of Benita Siemiatycki as the co-ordinator of a new Jewish information service of Ottawa.

From discussions generated at the February 2007 Community Symposium, it became apparent that there was a real need for a central liaison through which information about the Ottawa

Jewish community could be accessed. The information sought could be as basic as where to buy kosher food to more complex questions like what steps one takes to arrange a bris.

Siemiatycki will develop and implement the service, recruit volunteers and supervise an information centre that will facilitate the dissemination of information

about services and programs offered in the Ottawa Jewish Community. This will ensure that those seeking assistance, or knowledge about programs and services, will receive the best information available in a timely fashion.

The service will also be a means of building partnerships with other Federation departments and agencies within the context of enhancing Jewish information services to the community.

"I am very excited and



Benita Siemiatycki

proud to be involved in creating this new community-wide information service."

says Siemiatycki. "My hope is that it will be the first place people contact when searching for any type of information about the Ottawa Jewish community. It is a much-needed service that will benefit our community - current residents, newcomers and visitors - for decades to come."

Siemiatycki spent 10 years as patient services manager for the Eastern Ontario Branch of the Kidney Foundation of Canada. Previously, she was a health

promotion officer for the Ontario Breast Screening program. She has a Masters of Arts in public administration from Carleton University and a BA in journalism from Concordia University.

Once the centre is established, the exchange of information within the community, and our ability to access that information, will be significantly improved.

Siemiatycki can be contacted at 613-798-4696, ext. 227 or [bsiemiatycka@jewishottawa.com](mailto:bsiemiatycka@jewishottawa.com).

## Carmel Trio returns to celebrate Israel's 60th anniversary

The Carmel Trio, including two of Israel's finest classical musicians, oboist Dudu Carmel and flutist Eyal Ein-Habar, and Canadian pianist Stephan Sylvestre, will perform in Ottawa as part of the year-long activities in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel. The concert will include works by C.P.E. Bach, Bloch, Ben-Haim, Doppler, Mendelssohn, Rubinstein, Talmi and Yoffe.

Ein-Habar is the principal flutist with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO) and has won musical competitions and awards internationally. He has performed as soloist with all the major Israeli orchestras including the IPO under Zubin Mehta.

Carmel is also a first chair with the IPO and has travelled the world as soloist and

conductor. He has recorded extensively for radio and performed in the most prestigious halls of Europe, Australia and South America.

Sylvestre, one of the most gifted Canadian pianists of his generation, has won numerous awards and teaches in the Faculty of Music at the University of Western Ontario.

The concert is presented by the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation in partnership with the Embassy of Israel and the University of Ottawa's Department of Music and takes place Sunday, January 20, 8:00 pm, at the University of Ottawa's Tabaret Hall, 550 Cumberland.

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## Israeli teachers visit Hillel Academy

By Michael Regenstreif

Many of us who have spent lifetimes in Canada were unprepared when winter hit early and hard in November.

Imagine, then, how it must have felt for the three Israeli educators who spent two weeks – leading up to, and including, Chanukah – at Hillel Academy.

"Weather shock is a good way to describe it, I didn't know what cold was," said Ada Grinberg, her two colleagues nodding in agreement.

Grinberg, a teacher and computer expert who is the principal of Beit Sefer Hanadiv in Metulah, Israel, was joined on the visit to Ottawa by Hanadiv teachers Ronit Yzarskey and Raanan Arbec. Hanadiv is twinned with Hillel Academy in the ongoing Partnership 2000 (P2K) program.

Weather aside, the trio of Israelis quite enjoyed the two weeks they spent working with the Hillel students, introducing them to Israeli culture and reinforcing the bonds between the students in Ottawa and their friends in Metulah. Grinberg set up web forums and other Internet tools to bridge the great distances and time zones that separate the Israeli and Canadian students from each other.

In a conversation with the *Bulletin*, the three Israeli



Sara Breiner of Hillel Academy (left) with Ronit Yzarskey, Ada Grinberg and Raanan Arbec of Beit Sefer Hanadiv in Metulah, Israel during their visit to Ottawa.

(OJB photo: Michael Regenstreif)

teachers and Sara Breiner, Hillel Academy's vice-principal of Judaic studies, spoke about the bonds that have developed between the two schools and their students.

The Canadian Jewish students, said Grinberg, see Israel as "their second home and see themselves as part of the same (Jewish) culture as their Israeli counterparts."

The Israelis were particularly moved, added Arbec, when one Hillel girl told them that her grandfather, a Holocaust survivor, was buried in Metulah.

"We promised to go and find the grave," he said.

In talking to the Hillel students about life in Israel, the three Israeli teachers found that many of the Canadian students, who are used to the peace and freedom of North American society and Canada's relatively open border with the United States, did not understand how militarized

Israeli society is or how secure the borders must be to protect Israelis from terrorism.

"Metulah is near the border with Lebanon and many couldn't understand the meaning of the border or that the soldiers who guard Metulah are part of life there," said Arbec.

Something else Arbec said the Hillel students – used to living in a society where Christmas celebrations dominate December – found to be a "foreign concept" was the idea that Chanukah would be celebrated by the vast majority and that candle-lighting and Chanukah images would be everywhere.

Breiner said the P2K connections between Hillel and Hanadiv have now been in place for a long time and she credits the program for strengthening the ties, and the sense of belonging, the students feel with Israel.

"It's important it be continuous," she said.



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## Friendship Circle brings teenagers and special needs children together

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

Once a week, like clockwork, Yehuda Coodin does something special with his good friend Nossen Shoktin.

In pleasant weather, the boys may opt to enjoy a bicycle ride together or shoot hoops. At other times they might put their combined energy into constructing interesting Lego formations, or chat quietly while listening to music. The pair even co-authored a Purim play. Hollywood didn't come calling but they had a good time writing it.

What makes this friendship unique is that Yehuda, is an autistic 15-year-old who lives at home, and his very special friend, Nossen, 14, a student at the Ottawa Torah Institute, is a volunteer with the Friendship Circle.

The organization brings together teenage volunteers and children with special needs for fun and friendship. These shared experiences empower children with spe-



Some of the community's special needs children enjoying the Chanukah party hosted by the Friendship Circle.

cial needs, while enriching the lives of everyone involved.

The Friendship Circle was founded in Detroit in the 1990s by a Lubavitch couple who identified and filled a need. It began with just eight volunteers visiting three children each week. Soon, other teens, children with special needs and their families,

learned about the program.

By 2003, the Detroit Friendship Circle had evolved into a thriving organization with 350 teen volunteers spending time with 150 children with special needs. Detroit's success inspired Friendship Circles in cities across the United States and led to chapters in Canada and Australia.

"At the moment, we serve 23 special needs children ranging in age from five to 23. But we know there are at least 35 special needs chil-

dren living at home in the Ottawa area," Ostroski says. "The eight- to 14-year-old age group is the largest."

The Friendship Circle serves clients with different disabilities and varying degrees of functionality.

"There is a big group from the autism spectrum and a big group of developmentally delayed," notes Ostroski.

The Friendship Circle serves families from Stittsville to Blackburn Hamlet to Barrhaven.

"We try to match the volunteers - some of them prefer to work in pairs - with a special needs client living in their area, but we don't always succeed. At the moment, we still have some volunteers in Alta Vista with no house to visit, and homes in Kanata and Barrhaven that have no volunteers," she says.

One teen volunteer's special friend lives in Stittsville. "That boy takes the bus to Kanata Centrum where he is picked up by one of the

child's parents, and then he's delivered back to Centrum to catch the bus back to Ottawa," Ostroski says admiringly.

"There's never enough help for special needs children and their families," says Ostroski, who has an eight-year-old son with special needs.

"We'd like to enlist more teen volunteers and, of course, would welcome any other special needs children into the program. It's uplifting for the special needs children, for the volunteer, and is a brief, welcome respite for the parents."

Ostroski recruits volunteers from local high schools and also relies on word of mouth to get the message out. The students' volunteer hours can be counted toward the 40 hours of volunteering required to graduate high school.

For more information, contact Miriam Ostroski at 613-825-3802 or Devora Caytak at 613-729-7712.

## Ambassador Alan Baker inducted into Jewish fraternity

By Ellen Keeble

The tension in the air was released with the click of a doorknob as Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) members flooded back into Carleton University's Porter Hall. There was a new brother in the Jewish fraternity. He had just uttered the secret pledge and had a message to share with

the Jewish student community at large.

"At your age, I had to take on the world around me to explain and defend Israel," said Alan Baker, Israel's ambassador to Canada and the newest honorary member of AEPi's Ottawa chapter. "This is something you also have to do; it has to

come from you."

Baker addressed the gathering on November 26 after the members-only ceremony where AEPi members initiated him into their fraternity.

Joel Dubrofsky, the chapter's president, said he was pleased to invite Baker to join and help advocate for the Jewish state on campus because "the degree to which Israel is attacked on campus is becoming increasingly disturbing."

Baker has long called campuses a central arena in Israel's public relations effort. He urged students to increase discourse about the Jewish state amongst their peers, saying their conviction and passion will have a stronger impact than his own words.

"This trust doesn't just exist among the negotiators and among the leaders," the ambassador said. "It has to move down to the base of the pyramid, to the general public, to the people who want to live at peace with each other."

Baker joins Haim Divon as the second Israeli ambassador to Canada to be initiated into AEPi. The Ottawa chapter includes members from Carleton, the University of Ottawa and Algonquin College. The 40-member group is one of 138 chapters scattered across North American campuses.

Canadian campus co-ordinator of the Hasbara Fellowships; and Andrew Borans, executive director of AEPi International.

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gain insight into the process by which these and other beliefs are shaped and expanded.

"How does God communicate with us? Are we rewarded and punished for our behaviour? Is there an afterlife? I am constantly called upon to provide the

Jewish perspectives on questions that are asked by those of every religious faith," says Rabbi Menachem M. Blum, director of Ottawa's JLI chapter.

"*Beyond Belief* will provide insight into many of these questions. More importantly, however, this course will address the inner struggle that many people feel when considering issues of faith."

This new course will be offered at two locations in February. Six Tuesday even-

ings (8:00 - 9:30) at the Soloway JCC, starting February 5; six Wednesday lunch-times (12:15 - 1:15) at the Capital Hill Hotel & Suites, 88 Albert Street (between Elgin & Metcalfe), in downtown Ottawa, starting February 6.

Lunch will be served at the downtown location. The course costs \$90, which includes the textbook.

"We are so sure that people will enjoy it" says Rabbi Blum, "that we invite anyone interested to attend the

first lesson free, with no obligation."

Like all JLI courses, *Beyond Belief* presents the fundamentals of Judaism in a way that is both challenging yet accessible. Students will have the opportunity to encounter classic primary texts and engage in thoughtful, open discussion.

JLI courses are presented in Ottawa under the auspices of Ottawa Torah Centre. For more information and reservation visit: [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com) or call 613-823-0866.

## Jewish Community Day with 67's

By Mitch Miller

My four-year-old daughter, Haley, and I were lucky to be among the 8,359 hockey fans that enjoyed Jewish Community Day at the Ottawa Civic Centre when the Ottawa 67's hosted the Kingston Frontenacs.

We arrived just in time to watch Jonah Shinder and Adam Greenberg participate in the ceremonial puck drop, and then the home team went to work defeating the Frontenacs 3-1.

As much as I enjoyed the play on the ice, the real excitement came from watching Haley's response to all of the Jewish fans in the stands. It was almost like

going to shul on High Holidays. You saw so many people you know and probably spent more time talking to the people around you than paying attention to what was going on at ice level.

It's not often in Ottawa we can attend a major sporting event and enjoy a kosher hotdog and a few other treats at the same time. Haley and her friends loved every bite.

As much as I tried to watch the future NHL stars on the ice, it was fun to watch the kids in awe of our community's stars. The young boys and girls who play SJCC floor hockey were so excited to see Jon Braun in the stands. The current and

recent graduates of Ganon preschool wanted to go say "hi" to Rabbi Micah Shotkin. Haley was amazed that both of these gentlemen lived outside the walls of the SJCC. It was great to watch her and her friends walking up and down the stairs to visit people, and knowing that everyone in our section had one eye on the children and the other on the game.

I am certain that it took a great deal of effort to make that day happen. On behalf of the members of the Jewish community who attended – thank you to the organizing committee, and we hope that this will become an annual event.

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## Second World War Honour Roll restored

By Jason Sheriff

The Honour Roll, listing the names of 441 Ottawa Jews who signed up for active duty in the Second World War Two, has an interesting history. While it is now hanging in the Greenberg Family Library at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) for all to see and appreciate, that wasn't always so.

The Honour Roll was created just after the end of the war and it hung for several years in the old Talmud Torah building on George Street. But then, for whatever reasons, it disappeared from view.

Around 1951, it was transferred to the then-new Jewish Community Centre on Chapel Street where it was stored away, and virtually forgotten. Many years later, it was rediscovered by Shirley Berman when the Ottawa Jewish Archives (OJA) moved to the SJCC.

Decorated with a crest created by Group of Seven artist A.J. Casson, it is a unique and important document, says OJA archivist Dawn Logan.

"It's a work of art and a historical document at the same time," says Logan. "Even though it's not



Ottawa's Second World War Jewish Honour Roll now hangs in the Greenberg Family Library at the SJCC. (OJB photo: Michael Regenstreif)

a comprehensive list of everyone who served, it gives an indication of the sheer numbers of Jewish men and women who volunteered and served in the war. It's a very significant historical record of

their contributions and sacrifices."

Although it is impossible to tell from looking at it, the Honour Roll hanging in the library is actually a seemingly perfect reproduction of the original. The original,

now safely stored in the OJA vault, cannot be subjected to light for long periods of time and could only possibly be displayed under museum conditions. The reproduction, though, has been properly framed behind protective Plexiglas and hung so that it can be displayed and appreciated by all who visit the library.

That the Honour Roll's list of names is incomplete doesn't surprise Joseph Levy, director of research of the Canadian Jewish War Veterans Research Foundation.

"Many Jews did not register their religion," Levy says, "because they were advised that if they listed Hebrew and were captured overseas they would be murdered. Also some Honour Rolls only list those who served overseas while some others only include those who died."

The restoration of the Honour Roll to a place where all can see it is important to Ottawa's Jewish community, says Logan, because it helps stir the memories of our veterans.

"There was a time when there was less interest in being reminded of the war," Logan says. "but

there's a new wish to pay tribute to past sacrifices. The war in Afghanistan and Holocaust remembrance each have something to do with that. There's a need to have their contributions documented and remembered."

Lists like the Honour Roll help people remember and recognize the contributions Jewish soldiers made during the Second World War.

"We need to work on this," Levy says, "because it's one of the Jewish community's contributions to Canadian society that has not been properly recognized."

According to Levy, the Jewish community, of all of Canada's ethnic groups, had the highest proportion of its members serve in the war.

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## Social policy maven moves to Ottawa

By Sharon Abron Drache

The hard-won victory of the Maccabees celebrated during the holiday of Chanukah provides a magnificent metaphor for Sharon Manson Singer's life's work as one of Canada's leading social policy analysts.

In 2006, she came to Ottawa from British Columbia to replace Judith Maxwell as head of Canadian Research Policy Networks (CPRN) – a think tank founded by Maxwell in 1995.

After earning her MSW from the University of British Columbia, Manson Singer began her career as chief counsellor at the Vancouver Y.

"One day, a call came in from a woman who was a single mother. She had a child and a job and her child care provider had quit. I couldn't help and she was frantic. I saw her plight as the Y's failure to deliver required services," she says.

She convened a group to discuss the matter during the holiday of Chanukah and told the Maccabees' story.

"The licensing person for child care facilities was at the meeting. She loved the story so much that, within six months, our Emergency Day Care Centre, the first of its kind in North America, was up and running," Manson Singer remembers.

Granny Y's, as it was called, taught her, firsthand, how to liaise practical economics with compassionate social policy.

"I recorded who came in, and what times



Sharon Manson Singer

they checked in and out, because I had to balance the budget. I made the program work so well that Granny Y's was actually contributing to the athletic side of the organization," she notes.

In 1984, she began graduate studies for a PhD in economics at Brandeis University with an \$80,000 award as a national research fellow covering her full tuition and residency fees.

She fondly recalls Brandeis Shabbat dinners with fellow international students as opportunities for heady discussions on social policy issues that led to mutual affirmations of global responsibility.

After defending her Brandeis thesis, Mason Singer began work as a full-time faculty member at the University of British Columbia in 1988.

Although she taught in the faculty of graduate studies and the faculty of medicine, her office was at the Centre for Human Settlements where she did most of her research.

She did the first national study on housing for people living with AIDS and for those who were HIV positive.

"I dealt with housing at a time when social issues were not a consideration for this marginalized sector," she says. "The focus was on medicine, but I maintained that housing was critical to health and prevention."

From 1991 to 1997, she travelled to Vietnam to help the country move from a planned to a mixed economy.

In the spring of 1997, Manson Singer was appointed a deputy minister of Human Resources in the British Columbia government.

"I was certainly a player among the deputy crew. I worked under six provincial NDP premiers and I got a lot done," she says.

"I consider myself non-partisan, though I

am political when required.

"In 2001, I left the B.C. government rather than participate in the big cuts that were planned and became a consultant.

"Ironically, following my arrival in Ottawa to head up CPRN, I learned of deep federal cuts to our sustaining budget."

Manson Singer is determined to keep CPRN going.

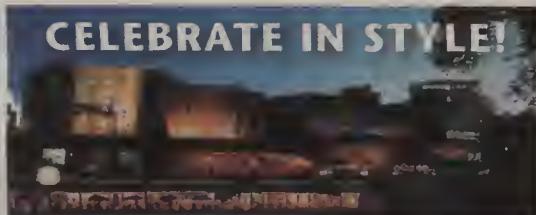
She reminds Canadians on whose behalf her organization makes its policies that CPRN exists to protect the public discourse on major social policy issues, even when federal funds for such discourse have been slashed.

Currently, the think tank is running a number of conversations with Canadians, from Newfoundland to British Columbia, discussing such issues as civic responsibility.

*Lost in Translation*, a CPRN research paper released in October, addresses the issue of Misunderstanding Youth Engagement.

On the October 20 broadcast of *The Agenda* on TVOntario, Manson Singer noted, "Young Canadians are very political, but they are disenchanted with current political processes."

Finding new sources for CPRN funding may not be what Manson Singer thought would be part of her job; but, like the Maccabees, she is fully committed to take on the unexpected challenge.



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# Chanukah brightens up veterans' health centre

By Josh Finn

Residents, staff, volunteers and family members enjoyed a festive Chanukah celebration at the Perley-Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, a long-term care facility that is home to 450 people, including 250 veterans.

Rabbi Arnold Fine, chaplain at Jewish Family Services, organized the successful Chanukah party for the centre's Jewish residents with an open invitation to members of all faiths. All who attended had a wonderful time.

The lighting of Chanukah candles was not possible because one of the residents was on oxygen, but an electric menorah made sure the Chanukah spirit stayed alive (along with

the man on oxygen).

Rabbi Fine told the story of the Chanukah holiday and led the group in reciting the blessings and in singing holiday songs. Following the ceremony, latkes and jelly doughnuts were served.

It was the first Chanukah celebration for Heather Jeffrey, a registered practical nurse at the Perley.

"It was marvelous," she said. "We have a growing Jewish community at the Perley-Rideau and since Rabbi Fine has come to the Perley, we've had many Jewish celebrations."

Second World War veteran Ralph Fonberg was in awe of the celebrations and had his fill of doughnuts.

Other veterans at the cere-

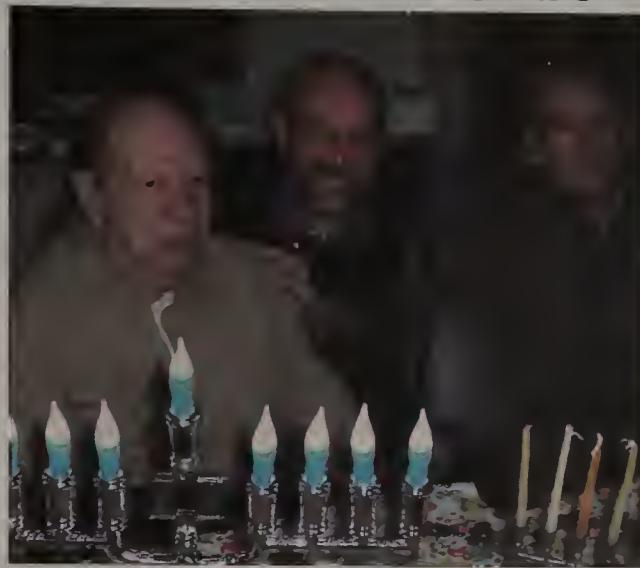
mony included Charles Baker, who said it was terrific, and Scotty Smith, who said he was excited to be able to celebrate the Jewish festival of lights at his new home.

Michael Joubert, program manager at the Perley, also experienced his first Chanukah.

"It was fascinating to learn about a different culture," he said.

Residents and staff are now eagerly anticipating Purim, the next Jewish holiday event at the centre.

*Josh Finn is the son of Paul Finn, managing director of the Perley-Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation. Paul can be contacted at 613-526-7194 for more information about the Perley-Rideau.*



(From left to right) Veteran Charles Baker, Rabbi Arnold Fine and veteran Scotty Smith light the menorah at the Perley-Rideau Chanukah party.



Dalia Baker lights Chanukah candles at Hillel Lodge with Ambassador Alan Baker, Cantor Daniel Benlolo and the Tamir Choir. (Photo: Ronald Kesten)

## Chanukah with a difference

By Norm Barwin  
President, CICF

The Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation (CICF) hosted its annual Chanukah party at Hillel Lodge on December 7. It was a unique celebration that we shared with the lodge residents and the Tamir Choir led by Cantor Daniel Benlolo. Participating in the celebration was a spectrum of age groups, from the very young to seniors.

The evening began with the lighting of the chanukiah by Ambassador Alan Baker of Israel, Dalia Baker, the ambassador's wife, Cantor Benlolo and me, in my role as president of CICF. The ambassador, in a spontaneous and wonderful gesture, lifted the chanukiah and moved through the audience, enabling some of the lodge residents to participate in the candle lighting ceremony.

Accompanied by Aviva

Lightstone, Cantor Benlolo led the small "choir with a big heart" in renditions of Chanukah and Hebrew songs, as well as a Beatles song performed by soloist Jason in fine voice. Audience participation in the singing added much *ruach* to the evening. Cantor Benlolo, in his charis-

matic and enthusiastic manner, also got some in the audience dancing.

After the exciting performance, everyone enjoyed the tasty latkes prepared by the Hillel Lodge chef. Wine and Coffee concluded what was indeed a Chanukah Party with a difference.

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## Chanukah around the town



### Hillel Academy sings with joy

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### Chanukah party at the museum!



Cantor Daniel Beniloio celebrates Chanukah with children from Ottawa and Gatineau schools at the Children's Museum of the Museum of Civilization.

### High School students celebrate too



Students and teachers at Merivale High School celebrate Chanukah by lighting candles, spinning dreidels and feasting on latkes and sufganiot.

## Barrhaven's Chabad Hebrew School assembles Chanukah gift packages



Children at the Chabad Hebrew School in Barrhaven bought gifts and included them with dreidels, Menorahs and candles in packages they assembled to help make the holiday special for families in need. The packages were distributed by Jewish Family Services (JFS). Andrea Gardner, assistant executive director of the Tikvah Program at JFS, said the packages "gave many families the feeling that they matter and that their community cares about them."

## Ambassadors from 22 countries celebrate Chanukah in Ottawa

Aguadath Israel Congregation provided a beautiful setting for the Israeli Embassy's annual Chanukah party hosted by Israel's Ambassador to Canada Alan Baker on the eighth night of the holiday. The evening was anything but ordinary as ambassadors from 22 countries, including three from Moslem countries, participated; a reminder to all that Chanukah can be a time to celebrate peace and international harmony.

The highlight of the event was the lighting of a stately menorah by groups of Baker's diplomatic colleagues. It was a remarkable achievement and a moving and unprecedented diplomatic show of support, and of peaceful celebration, when the ambassadors were called to the bema to join with Baker in lighting the candles. As the ambassadors from Egypt, Latvia, Turkey, Albania, Poland, Croatia and Germany joined hands with the Israeli ambassador to light the candles, everyone in attendance was visibly moved. Candles were lit in similar fashion by other members of the diplomatic corps including representatives from the Vatican, China, Hungary and France.

Diplomats from even more countries would have attended were it not for the weather as ambassadors from the United States, Morocco and Jordan, as well as a Palestinian representative, were kept from the celebration by the evening's severe snow storm.

The success of the Chanukah party was a testament to the strong ties that Israel enjoys with the world, as well as an indication of the

solid friendships that Baker has built in his nearly four years as Israel's ambassador in Ottawa.

Following the lighting of the menorah, there were performances by Aguadath Israel's youth and adult choirs and by the Sephardic Los Badasikas Ladino Band.

In his remarks, Baker joked about how, as much as things change, they stay the same. Oil, a major factor in the Chanukah story, is still a very real problem today. The ambassador went on to stress how moved he was by the palpable feeling of openness and tolerance in celebrating Chanukah in Canada; a feeling that was reinforced by the chimes on Parliament Hill which played traditional Chanukah songs throughout the holiday and by the lighting of the menorah on Parliament Hill by the prime minister and a wide cross section of MPs and senators. When coupled with the unprecedented diplomatic attendance at the evening's event, remarked the ambassador, it was a sign of the religious diversity and tolerance enjoyed by the Jewish community of Canada.

The evening wrapped up with the ambassadors and other guests being treated to the traditional Chanukah culinary delights – all oil-inspired – of potato latkes and sufganiot, with the typically Israeli addition of hummus, olives and other Middle Eastern fare leaving everyone both spiritually and physically full as the guests sauntered out into the falling snow to make their way home.



## Remembering Ritchie's Sports Shop

*In an era of big box stores and Christmas sales that start after Halloween, Ritchie's Sports Shop brings back memories of a different experience when shopping for sports equipment.*

For a generation of Ottawa kids, buying any kind of sports gear meant a trip downtown to Ritchie's to see Herb Gosewich. The Bank Street store was crammed with every conceivable sporting apparatus – hockey, football and baseball gear, basketball hoops, weight lifting equipment, running shoes, golf clubs and bicycles.

Ritchie's even sold fishing and hunting licences as well as firearms and ammunition before wife Dena convinced Herb to forego that part of the business. In fact, there was so much inventory at Ritchie's that it was often difficult to navigate the narrow Bank Street store. The walls were decorated with signed pictures of the famous and not-so-famous of the sports and entertainment world that made pilgrimages to Ritchie's part of their Ottawa tour.

As a youngster, Herb enjoyed sports, and his six-foot, four-inch stature made him attractive to the city's competitive amateur basketball and football teams. The gridiron was always his passion and in his youth, he tried out for the Ottawa Trojans and, for three years, played for Green Islands in the city's six-team senior amateur league. There he struck friendships that would last a lifetime and connect him to Ottawa's sporting community.

Herb's first job was helping his father who manufactured all manners of caps. He distributed and sold his dad's merchandise to Ottawa stores. This inventory also included baseball caps – which sparked a life-long interest in sporting goods.

Herb purchased Ritchie's Sport Shop from Frank Ritchie in 1960 and, initially, the softball season was the store's busiest time. The Ottawa Valley was a hotbed for elite fastball teams that insisted on the 177S ball for league play and Ritchie's had an exclusive agreement with Spalding to sell their merchandise in the region.

Today, it is hard to imagine that one local sports store could have so much influence, but, at the time, there were only three general sporting goods stores in Ottawa and people knew that at Ritchie's they could count on sound advice, as well as quality goods and service. As an added bonus, they

were also able to *kibbitz* with Herb who was always more than happy to share the latest sports rumour with his customers.

When the Canadian Football League was the only game in the nation's capital, Herb was an ardent supporter. Rough Riders Angelo Mosca, Marv Bevan, Ron Stewart, Bobby Simpson and Bruno Bitkowsky were regular guests at the store.

The CFL team would often call when it had emergency equipment needs. On one memorable occasion, the Riders were approaching a semi-final game against the hated Argos on a frozen Lansdowne Park field and were searching for any advantage they could get. When defensive halfback Joe "the Fox" Poirier approached Herb for his answer to a slippery turf, he suggested the boys wear broomball shoes. He promptly sold all 19 pairs he had in stock, and the team went on to defeat Leo Cahill's Boatmen.

One of the selling points of any trip to Ritchie's was the cast of characters working in the store. "Jocko" Cayer graduated from Bank Street to be the equipment manager with Phil Esposito's Tampa Bay Lightning. John "the Hawk" Landry can still be seen at local hockey card shows. Todd Laframboise graduated to work for the City of Ottawa. There was amateur baseball hurler Mark Gryba, Ottawa 67's Jamie Masters and CFLers Bill Smith, Mike Murphy and Wonderful Monds. Herb also fondly remembers Ottawa kids Ken and Charles Schachnow, David Polksky and Eric Segal as terrific employees.

Ritchie's relocated to the Sparks Street Mall in 1990 and was renamed Ritchie's Sports-Fan Apparel Shop. The sporting goods business had changed and Herb now focused on an extensive line of replica CFL, NFL, NBA, NHL and professional soccer jerseys. At Ritchie's, you could purchase an Ottawa 67's jersey and, when the capital was granted an NHL franchise, Herb was the very first to have the new sweaters in town.

If you could not find it, Herb could find it for you. He stocked form-fitting Lycra bathing suits for competitive swim teams, furnished Wrestling Canada Hall of Famer Claude Pilon with wrestling tugs and provided track and field shoes for Olympic runners Penny Werthner and Hugh Fraser.

Although Ritchie's closed shop in 2004 after 44 years of business, Herb admits he can't walk on the Sparks Street Mall or in sporting company without people asking him when he'll be re-opening. He confesses that his still misses the *nachas* of seeing parents interact with their children when purchasing that first hockey stick or baseball glove.

Herb and Dena have been married for 45 years and still



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Herb Gosewich purchased Ritchie's in 1960 from Frank Ritchie and ran the sporting store until 2004.

live in Ottawa. Their daughter Mandy works in the city for Fusion Brands Inc., and sister Vicki, her husband Jeff Weiss, and their children Benjamin and Rebecca reside in Toronto.

### Curve Balls

- If you have not seen the amusing video clip of the Boston Red Sox announcers when they discover that first baseman Kevin Youkilis is Jewish, you have to check it out at [tinyurl.com/2ya3py](http://tinyurl.com/2ya3py).

- Former Ottawa resident Harvey Smith's son, Islanders prospect Trevor Smith, has made the East Coast Hockey League All Star team along with fellow

ECHL Jewish pucksters Jacob MicFlickier and Oren Eisenman. Three Jews in a bockey all star game has to be a record!

- Ben Rubin is no longer skating with the QMJHL Gatineau Olympiques and has returned to Montreal.

- Jason Bailey has returned to the Ottawa 67's lineup after battling mono and scored important goals in back-to-back victories against Erie and Belleville to end the month of December on a strong note.

- Andrew Calof continues to play well for the Hawksbury Hawks and was selected the Central Junior Hockey League's "True Sport" rookie of the month in December.

- Merrick Palmer has joined the JCC Athletic Department and will be assisting Coach Carlos 'Bobby' Brown with the Maccabi Basketball Program and all youth basketball. Palmer played CIAU Basketball with St Francis Xavier and also some pro hoops in South Africa. Players of all ages looking for some 1:1 instruction with Palmer can book an appointment through the athletic department.



Andrew Calof

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## Yitzhak Rabin High School students go to court

By Simcha Walfish

Yitzhak Rabin High School student

The students in Michael Goodman's Grade 11 law class at Yitzhak Rabin High School have been discussing the 2003 murder case of Ardeh Wood and we recently took a field trip to the Ottawa Courthouse to observe a day in the trial of Chris Myers who has since pleaded guilty in the case.

Wood went missing in Orleans on August 6, 2003 and was found dead near a lake in that area. After one of the largest manhunts in Canadian history, Myers, who was 25 years old at the time, was charged with murder. He had a history of committing assault and had been previously charged with multiple assaults in North Bay, Ontario. A parent of one of the students is working on the case and generously offered to let the class come to the courthouse and observe the trial. On the day our class went to the courthouse, the trial lawyers were discussing the voluntariness of the confession that Chris Myers gave to his charges.

After arriving at the courthouse, the first thing we watched was a *voir dire* into the case of the police officer who escorted Myers to Ottawa from North Bay, where he was being held. A *voir dire* is a trial within a trial to decide if a piece of evidence is admissible. This specific *voir dire*'s purpose was to help decide if Myers' confession was genuine or forced. The officer stated he had minimal conversation with Myers and Myers was



Grade 11 law students (left to right) Lindsay Steinberg, Matthew Engel, Joshua Kreisman, Simcha Walfish spend a day at the Ottawa courthouse.

always treated properly.

After a short break, a videotape of the interrogation of Myers was shown. The video was a few hours long and showed a police officer skillfully using the Reid Technique of interrogation. After offering Myers pseudo-friendship, the officer tried to get him to confess. The officer did this by taking control of the conversation with many leading questions and steering the conversation in a direction that would lead Myers to admit guilt. It was fascinating to see that the tape kept on rolling, even after the officer left the room. The next long section of the video was Myers rambling to no one in particular. His nonsensical babbling to the walls strongly suggested he was

not mentally stable. He also spoke about the drugs he was taking at the time. It seemed to the class that he was psychologically unstable and, therefore, his confession was inconclusive.

The class visited a few other courtrooms before the end of the day and witnessed many other interesting cases. This trip was very

intriguing and exciting for the students of the YRHS law class.

Back at the school, the class further discussed the interrogation: this time, in relation to Jewish law. We learned that confessions such as the one in the Myers case would not even be considered under Jewish law. In order to convict someone under Talmudic law, no less than two witnesses must testify and there must be witnesses to the fact that someone warned the alleged murderer of the potential consequences of the action they were about to undertake.

We also learned that, under Jewish law, a person cannot be convicted based on a confession. It is written in Tractate Sanhedrin: "No man can incriminate himself." It also says relatives of a defendant cannot testify because they are too close to the person and, since people are even closer to themselves, they are disqualified from testifying.

Putting together Canadian law and Jewish law and applying it to a real case the class actually got to witness proved to be a very valuable experience for us. We all enjoyed it and learned a lot.

## Mock trial at Machon Sarah

By Rochel Liba Burger  
and Elisheva Shaps

Machon Sarah  
High School students

After many hours of preparation by both the Crown prosecutor (Nechama Friedman) and the defence lawyer (Bracha Goldbaum), the Grade 12 law class at Machon Sarah High School presented a mock murder trial on December 4.

In addition to their own preparation, the two lawyers also had to help their witnesses prepare. The witnesses for the Crown were Constable Rose (Nina Blitstein) and Nicky Jagger (Rochel Liba Burger). The defence witnesses were the accused, Don Chovi (Neema Fischman) and Fran Goodheart (Rivka Aptowitzer), his fiancée.

Based on the information provided, the trial could have gone either way.

The role of the judge was played by Rabbi Shlomo Friedman, a law student at the University of Ottawa and a graduate of Ottawa Torah Institute.

"I found everybody to be well prepared and professional and to have the ability to be proficient advocates," he said. "I had an opportunity to apply my theoretical knowledge to a practical situation."



Bracha Goldbaum as the defence counsel and Nechama Friedman as the crown prosecutor during the Machon Sarah mock trial.

Cheryl Corrin, Machon Sarah accounting teacher, acted as the clerk of the court.

Each of the witnesses provided believable testimony and the lawyers argued their cases well.

In a trial, the prosecution needs to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the accused is guilty. In this case, Judge Friedman ultimately ruled in favour of the accused because Goodheart created reasonable doubt of Chovi's guilt.

"I found it a very educational experience. It was a lot of work, a lot of stress, but a lot of fun," said defence lawyer Bracha Goldbaum.

"The work that everyone put in was really impressive,

and I'm glad I didn't have to do it," stated Eli Stulberg, who watched the trial, along with the rest of the advanced functions class.

Secular Principal Harry Corrin said, "I think the students impressed everyone with their professionalism and the thoroughness of their preparation. Many in the audience found the trial to be very gripping and wondered if any of the students would consider a career in law."

In preparing for the mock trial, the students were guided by Aviva Rotenberg of the Canadian Bar Association. She spoke to the class about courtroom etiquette and worked with each of the teams separately, helping them to prepare their cases.

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I say I am Canadian and she smiles slightly, nods her head and replies, "Yes, yes, we are all Canadian. But where are you from?"

I answer that I was born in Austria.

"You don't look German," she says in disbelief. "Where are you from, really?"

I answer her in German and her eyes widen.

"So you are German! Huh! I would never have guessed."

After a few moments, I ask her where she thought I was from.

"I thought you were Muslim from Bosnia," she says, whereupon I play my turn and asked where she was from.

"Yugoslavia," she says, and right away I know she is a Serb.

In one downtown Lebanese diner, I order a falafel and ask for the spicy radish to be included. The store owner smiles at me, knowingly, winks and says with an Arabic accent, "You must be Egyptian."

I say, "You're in the neighbourhood, but not quite."

In another take out place, I order some salad and the store owner looks at me quizzically and, with a Central European accent, asks me, "You speak Russian, don't you?"



### Humour me, please

Rubin Friedman

"Why do you think so?" I say.

"You look Russian," he says.

I find out later he and his wife are from Slovakia.

When I had darker hair and a moustache, the guy in the Greek restaurant thought I was Turkish and the Turkish restaurant owner thought I was Greek.

My conclusion is that I obviously don't look "Canadian," whatever that is. They don't even think I'm French Canadian or aboriginal. People think I am from somewhere else.

And, wouldn't you know it. The place they usually think I am from is a place they are familiar with.

It is true that when I was applying to graduate school in the States, my cheap passport photo from the automated machine gave me a dark complexion.

Combined with my moustache and goatee, along with my Jewfro, this had a startling effect. I was admitted to their

visible minority program as a black.

Now, after each one of these incidents, I go home and look at myself in the mirror. For the life of me, I can only see myself as ordinary; that is, as me. Maybe you can see something I do not. I invite you to scrutinize my picture. Don't I look like me to you?

When I tell people my name, the jig is up. With my name and looks what else could I be but a Jew? They nod wisely and immediately ask me if I know Moishe Goldstein from Montreal, who, of course, is one of their best friends.

There may be a Moishe Goldstein in Montreal and I wish him all the best, but I always end up having to admit I have not met this illustrious gentleman. But who knows? Life is long and I may yet run into him, if he is still with us. As a matter of fact, I've heard his name so often, I am beginning to feel as if I should know him. If all these non-Jewish people know Moishe and consider him to be a close friend, maybe I am missing out on something.

You know, I am inclined to think that I must be a visible minority. Given my experience, I feel fairly visible. It's just that I am not sure which category I should place myself in. Probably, given the tendency of other people to see me as the member of a minority they know, if I am asked which visible minority I belong to, I can honestly answer, "Visible minority of your choice."

That should cover it.



### Have a Knish

Paul Telner      Byron Pascoe

## Adventure continues: CBB survives late fall visit from knish guys

As mentioned in our last Knish, we spent a night at Camp B'nai Brith to see if Paul would enjoy CBB the second time around. The following is a chronological timeframe of the events that took place. Nothing has been recreated or altered ... we promise...

**October 26, 7:30 pm:** Camp director Jonathan Pivnick greeted us warmly, but thought we weren't going to show as we were so late. He couldn't believe Paul actually sits in the backseat. He said to call him what the campers call him - Piv. He's classic!

**8:00 pm:** Piv gave us a tour. The camp was almost as quiet as merchandise sales on [cafepress.com/HaveAKnish](http://cafepress.com/HaveAKnish)!

**9:00 pm:** We set up for dinner, meaning Byron tried to make a fire while Paul sat in a lawn chair, ate chips and laughed. Byron had problems starting the fire (like most of his

relationships) so Piv helped by blowing on it.

We brought copies of the hate mail we've received (so far) in the OJB's *Mailbag*. They kept us warm and helped cook the delicious kosher steak and hotdogs from the Loblaw's kosher section. We drank Manischewitz wine and read ghost stories, meaning the mailbag letters. They're scarier in an empty dark camp.

**11:30 pm:** Walking to the mess hall, we kept saying how everything is classic. Piv asked, "Guys, how can everything be classic? It's not possible." We could tell he was starting to get tired or tired of us. He then commented on how we walk like a married couple, one in front of the other.

The mess hall was one of Paul's favourite locations as he always looked forward to meals. We toured the kitchen and got popsicles. We don't know the expiration dates but what a perfect night to not have a working toilet.

Paul wanted to see the dining room. Piv gave us a familiar look meaning, "Guy's it's enough, how much can I take?" He opened the dining room up ... at the cost of his sanity. We invited Piv to play mini golf, but he apparently needed to get up early the next morning. We've heard those lines before.

We made hot chocolate and roamed around several cabins looking to see if Paul had written on the wall as a camper. Some wrote their name way too often. Offenders include Adam Schacter. We get it. You went to CBB. Enough all ready!

**1:00 am:** It soon started to thunder and rain. We got our stuff from the car and settled into cabin 19 where Paul stayed as a kid.

**2:30 am:** We were soaked, so quickly changed and pushed two bottom bunks together. Paul had flashbacks. The exact same bunk and smell. It was just like the old days, except the guy sleeping next to him had a beard. That night, Paul tried to fall asleep, but it was absolutely freezing. Byron hadn't slept that well in years.

**5:35 am:** Paul wondered what exactly we were doing. This was like a really bad reality show. Three Jews, one abandoned summer camp and a lot of knish.



Paul Telner enjoys his favourite place in camp:  
the infirmary

11:30 am. One of the places Paul really wanted to see was the infirmary where he spent tons of time as a camper. Paul told the staff he had injured himself as an excuse to avoid taking part in sports, swimming or other activities. It was the perfect way to watch TV and get taken care of by nurses. Paul was even driven around in a special vehicle by his unit head Mark Glube as Paul said he was too injured to walk. Mark has since married Paul's cousin Deanna.

**1:00 pm:** We ended with what Paul always tried to avoid: the waterfront. Byron was no swimmer himself. He even failed Aqua Five class when he took it with his 10-year-old campers as their section head at Camp Kadimah.

We took a quick dip in the freezing cold Ottawa River. As we ran out, we heard gun shots! We didn't know where they were coming from. Had Piv lost it? Had he become Jack in *The Shining*? Was it an angry *Bulletin* reader who had tracked us down? Classic!

**1:30 pm:** To complete the experience, we signed our names in the cabin. It was hard trying to find any space thanks to Adam Schacter and the Glube family (huge family, like the Baldwins). We found a spot and wrote, "Paul Telner and Byron Pascoe - Have a Knish - October 26-27, 2007." Paul's name might not have been left there the first time, but we made up for it.

Paul wanted to experience camp 17 years after his CBB summers to see if he liked it as an adult. He did, but only for one night with just Byron and Piv, a car, his own food and cell, Byron's BlackBerry and Byron taking care of everything.

We headed home with Paul in the back seat. Piv may have headed for a mental institution after dealing with us for so long.

Special thanks to Piv and the CBB board of directors. The camp is still standing and nothing is too badly damaged.

## My ‘almost’ perfect son returns home for a visit

This past fall, Nicholas, my firstborn, left home to attend university in Montreal. For the first few weeks he was gone, I felt an empty space in my stomach. I remember this feeling very well. It was what I felt the very first time I left him, when he was a year old, to go on a holiday.

Of course, after several weeks, that hollow feeling goes away and you actually start to enjoy not having to cook, clean and do the laundry of this missing child. However, like all good things, this doesn’t last forever, and the missing child does eventually come home, if only for short visits.

In December, Nicholas had a short break between exams, so he decided to come home. I filled the fridge with all his favourite foods: strawberries, kiwi, smoked salmon, cream cheese, homemade guacamole and honey mustard. I made sure there were plenty of tortilla chips and Oreos. We



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were ready for Nicholas. He arrived home with a bag full of dirty laundry, but, to my amazement, he washed it himself. I have to admit I was impressed.

On his second night at home, as I was drifting off to sleep, I heard him rustling around in the kitchen, preparing a bedtime snack. When I came downstairs in the morning, I

saw the telltale signs of a smoked salmon and cream cheese sandwich on a bagel. There were little sprinklings of sesame seeds all over the counter and a knife smeared with cream cheese left in the sink. I opened the fridge fully expecting to find a half-open package of smoked salmon, stinking up the fridge.

I used to constantly nag Nicholas to please put the leftover smoked salmon in a zip-loc bag. There was no smoked salmon in the fridge. I figured he was really hungry and had eaten the whole thing. Later in the day, I opened the drawer where I keep the zip-loc bags and there, sitting on top of the box of foil, to my amazement, I found the leftover smoked salmon, properly sealed in a zip-loc bag! I guess he really was listening to my nagging all those years. He did put the leftover salmon in a bag, but forgot to put it in the fridge. Oh well, I guess you can’t expect everything.

In honour of my “almost” perfect son, here are two of his favourite chicken dishes.

### Pineapple and Chipotle Pepper Mexican Chicken

Serves 4

Toronto chef Michael Bonacini inspired this recipe. He prepared a similar dish on City Line TV.

Chipotle Tabasco is available at [www.chillychiles.com](http://www.chillychiles.com).

Chipotle Tabasco packs about half the heat, as compared to the original Tabasco sauce, so it is much gentler in flavour. It adds a wonderful smoky flavour to this dish and is worth seeking out.

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 6 boneless skinless chicken thighs, diced into 1 inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, peeled and finely diced
- 2 cloves of garlic, finely minced
- 1/2 teaspoon of ground cumin
- 1 28-ounce can plum tomatoes
- 1 cup of medium spiced salsa
- 1 tablespoon chipotle Tabasco (more if required)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 a ripe pineapple, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 19-ounce can white kidney beans, rinsed and drained

juice of 1/2 a lime  
1 tablespoon of chopped fresh coriander

Tortilla chips  
Tofu sour cream

In a large non-stick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon vegetable oil over medium heat. Add chicken and cook until thighs are done, about 8 minutes. Remove chicken pieces from pan and set aside on a plate.

Add second tablespoon vegetable oil to empty pan and sauté onion, garlic and cumin over medium heat for about 5 minutes.

Dump can of plum tomatoes into a bowl. Using your hands, squash tomatoes until coarsely chopped. To the onion mixture in the pan add tomatoes, salsa, Chipotle Tabasco, salt and pepper and stir to combine. Simmer over low heat for 25 minutes stirring from time to time.

Add pineapple and white beans and continue cooking over low heat for an additional 10 minutes. Add diced cooked chicken, lime juice and chopped cilantro. Cook for an additional 2-3 minutes until chicken is heated through.

This is delicious served with tortilla chips, and a dollop of tofu sour cream.

### Lemony Poppy Chicken with Sweet Pea and Mint Couscous

Rachael Ray created this recipe

Serves 4

- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 2 cups frozen peas
- 1 1/2 cups couscous
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 lemons zested, 1 juiced
- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 2 tablespoons poppy seeds
- 10 leaves fresh basil, chopped
- 10 leaves fresh mint, chopped

Place a medium size saucier over high heat and add 1 1/2 cups chicken stock. Bring to a boil then add peas and couscous. Place a lid on the pot; turn off the heat and let sit for 5 minutes.

While the stock is coming to a boil for the couscous, place a large skillet over high heat and add 3 tablespoons olive oil. While the skillet is heating up, place the flour on a plate. Toss the chicken in the flour to coat, shaking off any excess. Add the chicken pieces to the hot skillet. Season the chicken liberally with salt, pepper and lemon zest and cook for 8-10 minutes, stirring every now and then, to get them brown all over. Stir in the garlic during the last 2 minutes of cooking.

Once the chicken has browned, add 1 cup chicken stock and poppy seeds. Cook until sauce thickens up a bit, about 1-2 minutes. Turn off the heat and add juice of 1/2 a lemon. Add more if needed.

Remove lid from pot of couscous, add basil and mint and fluff with a fork. Place a portion of couscous on a plate and top with chicken.

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# Paperback page turners

Something about winter makes us want to hunker down inside with a good book and a hot cuppa. Check out these titles.

*City of Shadows*  
By Ariana Franklin  
Penguin Canada  
Softcover, 2006

Atmospheric. Suspenseful. Well-paced. What more would you want from a mystery? A good plot, certainly. Engaging characters. An interesting setting. *City of Shadows* has it all. It's the first mystery written by British writer and former journalist Diana Norman, a.k.a. Ariana Franklin, who has also written 10 biographies and historical novels.

*City of Shadows* begins in Berlin in 1922, before the Nazis come to power, and ends during the height of the Third Reich. Esther Solomonova, a Jewish Russian expatriate, works for another Russian émigré, Nikolai Potrovskov, a cabaret owner, wheeler dealer and Lothario. Potrovskov has visions of becoming hugely rich when he hears about a woman in an asylum claiming to be the Czarina Anastasia Romanov – the daughter of the last imperial ruler of Russia, Czar Nicholas II – and decides to groom her so that she (and he) can lay claim to what is left of the Romanov treasures. He renames the woman 'Anna Anderson' and enlists the well-educated Esther to help him in his scheme, much against her will. Throw in a murderer who appears to be stalking Anna and killing off the people around her, a German police officer who gets involved in the case, the SS police and what you have is a thoroughly satisfying historical thriller.

It's obvious that Franklin (or Norman) is a veteran at historical writing. Her research is solid. She paints a picture of Berlin as a city suffering food shortages, unemployment and strikes and weaves pre-revolutionary Russia, the Russian community in Berlin in the '20s and the chilling rise of the Nazis into this engrossing tale.

Franklin's research is equally solid when it comes to the Anna Anderson element and the mystique and mythology surrounding the Bolshevik assassinations at Ekaterinburg. The "real" Anderson was fished out of Berlin's Landwehr Canal in 1920 after attempting suicide. She was taken to an asylum and given the name Fräulein Unbekannt (Miss Unknown) by one of its nurses. There, a fellow inmate declared her to be Tatiana, Anastasia's sister, basing the identification on a picture likeness. Anderson claimed, instead, to be Anastasia, the youngest of the Romanov daughters. She was also thought to be a factory worker, Franziska Schanzkowska, by many historians.



## Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

Franklin covers all of these details, incorporating them seamlessly into a very satisfying read. Here's hoping Franklin's next book, *Mistress of the Art of Death*, is as good as this one!

*Everything Is Illuminated*  
By Jonathan Safran Foer  
Harper Perennial  
Softcover, 2003

You might like this book or hate it, but one thing is sure: you must agree that Foer, who wrote this at the age of 25, is a talented, creative and unusual writer. Critic Janet Maslin of the *New York Times* called this "a brilliant but occasionally exasperating book" and I agree there is a kind of virtuosity in his writing. All he needs is a good editor and a little less self-indulgence.

How can I describe this book? The story line is simple: an American kid called Jonathan Safran Foer goes to Ukraine to look for the woman who protected his grandfather from the Nazis. The kid hires a translator who speaks in garbled English and, together with the translator's grandfather and their dog, Sammy Davis Junior Junior, they set off to find this woman, known only through the photograph Foer brings with him. The story follows their rather quixotic adventures, melding the past with the present in magic realism.

Foer's talent lies in the actual construction of the book itself and its descriptions of shetl life, its dialogue structure, his singular use of language and sardonic humour. There is much ribald language, some of it used gratuitously, and there is also some poignancy. While Foer is the book's 'hero,' it is Alex, the translator, who is heroic.

I haven't yet seen the film, but I'm interested in seeing how this book plays out on the big screen. The movie had mixed reviews, but readers of Foer's story will have mixed feelings too. What can't be argued is that you'll never have read anything like it.

**Book Notes:** If you want a mystery set in Israel, you can't do better than something by Batya Gur. *Murder Duet: A Musical Case* (HarperCollins Perennial, Softcover, 2000) was the fourth in her series featuring the sexy, intelligent, compassionate. Moroccan-born police officer Michael Ohayon. The story opens with Ohayon finding a baby and befriending the upstairs neighbour, a single mother and talented cellist whose well-known musician father and brother are subsequently murdered. It features Gur's regular characters: Ohayon's colleagues Danny Bality, Eli and Tzilla; and his mentor, Shorer. As always with Gur, it is a thought-provoking, good read.

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## More empathy, less criticism needed for older bachelors

Recently, I interviewed Benjamin, a 50-year-old bachelor in Toronto, whom I know personally, about his struggle to find a soulmate.

The resultant article, which appeared on *Aish.com*, generated over 80 comments from readers.

"If Benjamin had some significant shortcoming," I write, "his circumstances would be more understandable. But he doesn't. He is a vigorous man with a youthful air and delightful sense of humour ... Benjamin is gregarious and many people have tried to set him up over the years, even more have expressed bewilderment that such a wonderful man is still single."

You'd think there would be an outpouring of empathy and perhaps a few offers of introduction. While there was some of this, a common theme in many of the readers' remarks is criticism levelled at Benjamin.

Why? Because Benjamin still longs to have a family of his own.

This is viewed as unrealistic and even arrogant. Unless he's rich (which the article makes clear he isn't), what woman in her 20s or 30s would want to marry a 50-year-old? "I'm female, and I'm not saying I would never marry someone that much older, I'll just say he would have to have some incredible outstanding attribute to attract my attention," exclaims one reader of childbearing age.

Among the more unsympathetic comments, especially from females, are: "I'm disgusted," "shame on you" and "[he] needs counselling."

How does one explain such a strong reaction? There is



### Dating 101

Jack Botwinik

no doubt that part of the anger comes from the fact that, as one reader puts it, "there are a slew of wonderful women in their 40s, and early-50s, that are left in the cold, because older men like Benjamin fantasize about marrying someone who can still have children ... As a result, a lot of people of both genders are left waiting unnecessarily for their *bashert* (soulmate), and are, meanwhile, alone." And if Benjamin doesn't want to marry someone who already has children, he and his wife can adopt.

The backlash got me thinking. Should older bachelors revise their expectations with respect to starting a family? And if so, at what age?

Many assume that Benjamin's desire to marry someone young is due to the Hollywood influence. But Benjamin never said he is looking for attractiveness (which, he claims, is ultimately subjective). He merely desires someone compatible with whom he can build a family.

There is also the religious motive.

Since his late 30s, Benjamin has been religiously obser-

vant, having become so gradually over the years. The first commandment in the Torah is to "be fruitful and multiply." As long as a man is fertile he is obligated to pursue this directive.

Since Benjamin has no progeny, it's preferable, according to the Orthodox Jewish outlook, that he marry a woman able to bear children. If he cannot find such a match, or such women are not interested in him, then he should marry any compatible woman, even though she is past childbearing age. Spousal companionship, too, is very important in the Jewish value and social system.

Again, the question – not only for Benjamin but for all older bachelors – is: How long do you wait? Fifty is a psychological marker. If a guy is 49, is it OK for him to still seek someone with whom to beget children?

This is a very tough decision, and heartrending for the countless men who are faced with having to decide. Objectively speaking, Benjamin is quickly running out of time if he wants to fulfil his dream. But how can he know when his time is actually up?

Benjamin believes God must have someone very special lined up for him, to have made him wait so long. So he keeps trying and hoping, as he has for many years, at the cost of delaying intimate female companionship and reaping the many benefits of married life.

I believe it's wrong to lash out against the Benjamins of the world because their goal may appear unrealistic to us. Ultimately, it's a very personal – and very difficult – decision that calls for our empathy, support and prayers.

## Yiddish-pop crossovers: Do you have to be Jewish?

In the 1960s, Levy's rye bread inundated the New York City subway system with posters and their slogan became, for a while, a byword of popular culture: "You don't have to be Jewish to love Levy's" – and in smaller print – "real Jewish Rye." The graphics showed people of other ethnicities, most notably a Native American, biting into sandwiches on Levy's rye.

So, do you have to be Jewish to put across a Yiddish song?

The best known crossover song in the Yiddish pop song repertoire is *Bei Mir Bist du Schoen*. Under its Yiddish (not German) title, *Ba Mir Bistu Shoyen*, and with completely Yiddish lyrics, the song originally appeared in a short-lived Yiddish musical in the early 1930s. When the show closed, it sank into obscurity and the composer, Sholem Secunda, sold the rights for \$30, much to his everlasting chagrin after the song became a hit.

In 1937, lyricist Sammy Cahn dropped by the Apollo Theater in Harlem, heard two black singers performing the song in Yiddish and witnessed the audience's enthusiastic response. Cahn wrote English lyrics for the tune and his partner, Saul Chaplin, restyled the music into a swing version. The Andrews Sisters, fresh from Minnesota, recorded it for Decca – and the rest is history.

According to "Yiddish Melodies in Swing," a documentary from the Yiddish Radio Project focusing on the old Manischewitz-sponsored radio show, "Jewish Music in Swing," that aired in the U.S. on National Public Radio in 2002, there have been hundreds, if not thousands, of cover versions of *Bei Mir Bist du Schoen* over the years.

Most cover versions use the Cahn-Chaplin version (or a translation of it) with the recurring title phrase as the only Yiddish lyrics. The song was an international hit and was

even popular on German radio until it was yanked when the Nazis realized its Jewish origins. My favourite non-Yiddish version is the 1938 rendition by French songstress Leo Marjane.

The song remains a standard today. The Girikulture Kabaret Divas reprise the Andrews Sisters version and the popular Moscow male Jewish choir, Hasidic Cappella, sings it with the original Yiddish lyrics.

For something almost completely different, I'll close with two curiosities that fit my crossover theme. You'll enjoy Julie Andrews's version of *Mazal Tov* sung in the wedding dance scene in "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Andrews was coached in her Yiddish delivery by Mickey Katz who is seen playing trumpet in the combo behind her.

Finally, take a look at the video clip of the Beatles performing *A Hard Day's Night* with the overdubbed recording of the song in Yiddish by the band California Klezmer featuring lead singer Gerry Tenney.

#### Websites

Levy's Jewish rye: [tinyurl.com/3abrie](http://tinyurl.com/3abrie)

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### ARNOLD AND ROSE LITHWICK FAMILY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of:

Freda Appel by Yvonne and Harvey Lithwick and family.

Birthday wishes to:

Yvonne Lithwick by Herby and Pam Beiles and family.

Al Esar by Yvonne and Harvey Lithwick and family.

### IRVING AND ELLEN LITHWICK ENDOWMENT FUND

Anniversary wishes to:

Vicki and Earle Weisz by Yvonne and Harvey Lithwick and family.

### JACI AND DORA LITWACK MEMORIAL FUND

Anniversary wishes to:

Bill and Phyllis Cleiman on their 40th wedding anniversary by Mark and Marjorie Litwack.

### LEN MADER FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

Birthday wishes to:

Robin Mader on her special birthday by Ellen and Ray Fathi, Tamara, Michael and Michelle and the boys.

### ETHEL AND DAVID MALEK ENDOWMENT FUND

Birthday wishes to:

Neil Shinder on his special birthday by Ethel and David Malek.

In memory of:

Sydney Schechter by Ethel and David Malek.

### JACOB MALOMET MEMORIAL FUND

Speedy recovery to:

Phyllis Rackow by Diana and Alvin Malomet.

### Mazal Tov to:

Sara and Zev Vered on the recent Bar and Bat Mitzvah of their grandchildren, Michael and Tori by Diana and Alvin Malomet.

Birthday wishes to:

Phyllis Rackow on her special birthday by Diana and Alvin Malomet.

Zelda Freedman on her special birthday by Diana and Alvin Malomet.

### ANNE (BLAIR) AND HYMAN MAYBERGER ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of:

Percy Levine by Shelley and Morris Schachnow.

Anniversary wishes to:

Linda and Stan Udaskin on their 40th wedding anniversary by Shelley and Morris Schachnow.

### R'luah Sh'lolah to:

Morris Schachnow by Anne Blair.

### MARION AND SHLOMO MAYMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of:

Stephen Silver by Marion and Shlomo Mayman.

### SEYMOUR AND JOY MENDER FAMILY FUND

Mazal Tov to:

Sydney Kronick on his 2nd Bar Mitzvah by Joy and Seymour Mender and family.

Ellen Osterer on the birth of her grandson by Joy, Seymour, Jessie, David and Jared Mender.

### BONNIE AND CHUCK MEROVITZ FAMILY FUND

Mazal Tov to:

Chuck Merovitz on winning the 2007 Reuben Bulka Award at the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation by Helaine and Jack Gould and family; by Shemir and Jack Torzman; and by Rona Shafftan Tannenbaum and Brian Tannenbaum.

Helaine and Jack Gould on the engagement of their daughter Ilana to Lior Cyngreiser by Bonnie and Chuck Merovitz.

In memory of:

Lillian Gerlsman by Bonnie and Chuck Merovitz.

Birthday wishes to:

Frick Zipes on his special birthday by Bonnie and Chuck Merovitz.

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Birthday wishes to:

Phyllis Rackow by Gen Migicovsky.

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In honour of:

Frances Itani receiving the Order of Canada by Millie and Steve Mirsky.

Lola Rasmirsky receiving the Order of Canada by Millie and Steve Mirsky.

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In memory of:

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In memory of:

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### ELLEN, SHARON, LAWRENCE AND LYNDY NADOLNY FAMILIES FUND

In memory of:

Peter Caplan by Sharon and Lawrie Weinstein and family.

Anniversary wishes to:

Max and Cynthia Weinstein on their 50th wedding anniversary by Sharon, Lawrie, Amy, Erica and Jonathan Weinstein.

### JEAN AND MAX NAEMARK ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to:

Blanche and Joey Osterer on the birth of their great-grandson Rubin by Jean Naemark.

Speedy recovery to:

Leonard Naemark by Bea Toronto and family.

### OTTAWA JEWISH COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of:

Gertude Shaffran by Shemir and Jack Torzman.

Mazal Tov to:

Helaine and Jack Gould on the engagement of their daughter Ilana to Leor by Shemir and Jack Torzman and family.

### HARRY AND BERTHA PLEET MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of:

Bertha Pleet, a beloved mother by Pinchas and Barbara Pleet.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of:

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Congratulations to:

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Birthday wishes to:

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Get well wishes to:

Marvin Stark by Phyllis and Alan Rackow.

Mazal Tov:

Sydney Kronick on his 2nd Bar Mitzvah by Phyllis and Alan Rackow

In memory of:

Sydney Schechter by Penny, Gordie, Zac and Steven Resnick.

Bess Weiner by Penny, Gordie, Zac and Steven Resnick.

### MOE AND SARAH RESNICK ENDOWMENT FUND

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Sydney Schechter by Penny, Gordie, Zac and Steven Resnick.

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##### In memory of:

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##### Birthday wishes to:

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Rabbi Zischa and Lauren Shaps on the birth of their grandson by Jack, Sarah and David Silverstein.

##### In memory of:

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#### Mazal Tov to:

Sydney Kronick on his special Bar Mitzvah by Marv and Phyllis Silverman.

### LOUIS AND STELLA SLACK MEMORIAL FUND

#### In memory of:

Sydney Schechter by Harvey Slack; by Myra and Lester Aronson; Ellie and Jack by Myra and Lester Aronson.

##### Mazal Tov to:

Sunny and John Tavel on the birth of their twin grandchildren; Ellie and Jack by Myra and Lester Aronson.

##### Speedy recovery to:

Phyllis Wollie by Bonnie and Paul Bowering.

##### Birthday wishes to:

Paul Bowering on his 60th birthday by Myra, Lester, Jennifer, Donna, Greg and Jordan Aronson.

### MOE AND CHARLOTTE SLACK MEMORIAL FUND

#### In memory of:

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### SAM AND SUE SLACK ENDOWMENT FUND

#### Mazal Tov to:

Sydney Kronick on his 2nd Bar Mitzvah by Oavid and Sharon Appotive and family.

Ellen Osterer and family on the birth of her first grandchild by David and Sharon Appotive and family.

##### In memory of:

Sydney Schechter by Sue Slack, Joy and Seymour Mender and family; by Sharon, David, Ryan, Jaye and Brody Appotive.

##### Happy Chanukah to:

Sharon and David Appotive and family by Sue Slack.

Joy and Seymour Mender and family by Sue Slack.

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#### Mazal Tov to:

Jack and Linda Smith on the birth of his great-grandson, Rubin by Rhoda, Jeff, Howard and Sara Miller; and by Irwin and Fenja Brodo.

##### In observance of the Yahrzeit of:

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#### Birthday wishes:

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#### Anniversary wishes to:

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Laura and Gordon Spergel on their 59th wedding anniversary by Libby and Stan Katz; by Rose and Mome Konick; and by Sally and Morton Talier.

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Ellen Osterer on the birth of her grandson by Marla, Mark, Andrew, Samantha and Evan Spergel.

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Mr. And Mrs. Adam Silverberg on the birth of their son by Laura and Gordon Spergel.

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Les and Sarah Bresge on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughters by Doris and Richard Stern.

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#### In memory of:

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#### Mazal Tov to:

Sunny and John Tavel on the birth of their twin grandchildren by Sol and Zelma Shinder; and by Marilyn and Dan Kimmel.

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#### In memory of:

Harry Sheffler by Liliyan Philipp.

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#### Speedy recovery to:

Barbara Crook by Allan Taylor.

Louis Kardish by Allan Taylor.

#### In memory of:

Mark Kom's mother by Allan Taylor.

### JEFFREY TAYLOR AND SUSIE WEISMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

#### In memory of:

Bess Weiner by Susie Weisman, Jeff Taylor, Josh, Bram and Dani.

### LISE AND MARK THAW FAMILY FUND

#### Speedy recovery to:

Jaclyn Katz by Lise, Mark, Alayna and Bryan Thaw.

Tina Koffman by Lise, Mark, Alayna and Bryan Thaw.

#### Birthday wishes to:

Chidy Landsman on her special birthday by Lise and Mark Thaw and family.

Donna Cohen on her special birthday by Lise, Mark, Alayna and Bryan Thaw.

#### Congratulations to:

Michael Genniss on his new position by Lise, Mark, Alayna and Bryan Thaw.

Iszie and Marlene Grajcar on the birth of their grandson by Lise and Mark Thaw and family.

#### In memory of:

Sara Kutner by Lise, Mark, Alayna and Bryan Thaw.

### STEPHEN AND GAIL VICTOR ENDOWMENT FUND

#### Mazal Tov to:

Sunny and John Tavel on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Jack and Ella by Gail and Stephen Victor and family.

##### Speedy recovery to:

Moms Schachnow by Gail and Stephen Victor.

#### In memory of:

Bess Weiner by Gail and Stephen Victor and family.

Mickey Beaulieu's mother by Gail and Stephen Victor.

Larry Schacter by Gail and Stephen Victor and family.

### HAZE WAINBERG FAMILY FUND

#### In memory of:

Marsha Bagdor by Haze Wainberg.

##### Speedy recovery to:

Stanley Asher by Haze Wainberg.

Bob Johnson by Haze Wainberg.

Joanie Wainberg by Merv and Haze.

#### Birthday wishes to:

Dr. Leon Stein on his 80th birthday by Haze and Merv

### MICHAEL WALSH AND LISA ROSENKRANTZ ENDOWMENT FUND

#### In appreciation to:

Lisa Rosenkrantz by Gail and Michael Wollman; and by Mark Fletcher and Michal Jacob-Fletcher.

### HARRY AND RAE WEIDMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

#### R'tuah Sh'leimah to:

Roz Taller by Joel and Gaye Taller.

### MIRIAM AND LUDWIS WEINER ENDOWMENT FUND

#### In memory of:

Sydney Schechter by Carol and Larry Gradas; and by Miriam and Louis Weiner.

Dr. Donald Caplan by Miriam and Louis Weiner.

Bess Weiner by Miriam and Louis Weiner.

### MILDRED AND PERCY WEINSTEIN ENDOWMENT FUND

#### In memory of:

Stephen Silver by Millie Weinstein.

##### Best of luck to:

Margo and Alan Biestein in their new home by Millie Weinstein.

Sid and Barbara Cohen in their new home by Millie Weinstein.

#### Anniversary wishes to:

Cynthia and Max Weinstein on their special wedding anniversary by Millie Weinstein.

### ROBERT WENER AND LYNN DRECK WENER FAMILY FUND

#### In memory of:

Morris Bubis by Lynne Oreck Wener, Bobby Wener, Taryn, Eleni and Hart.

#### Mazal Tov to:

Chuck Merovitz on receiving his award by Lynne Oreck Wener and Bobby Wener and family.

#### Birthday wishes to:

Tob Oreck by Lynne Oreck Wener, Bobby Wener, Taryn, Eleni and Hart.

Dr. J.B. White on his 90th birthday by Lynne Wener, Bobby, Taryn, Eleni and Hart.

### ZIPES KARANDFSKY FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

#### In memory of:

Hilary Lockit's mother, Jean by Rick and Helen Zipes.

#### Birthday wishes to:

Rick Zipes on his 60th birthday by Tanya and Martin Abrams; by Marsha and Art Saper; by Howard and Deborah Krebs; by Michael Hirsch, Eric Elkin, Nina Bell; by Andy and Sandy Siggner; by Marjorie and Michael Feldman; by Eve and Siggy Rajzman and family; by Arthur and Maxine Rabinovich; by Elizabeth and Steven Rubin; and by Steve and Roz Fremeth.

### Mazal Tov to:

Lorraine and Victor Kaminsky on the birth of their twin grandsons by Rick and Helen Zipes, Erin, Michael and Kyle.

Maxine and Arthur Rabinovich on the birth of their grandson by Rick and Helen Zipes, Erin, Michael and Kyle.

#### Congratulations to:

Mr. And Mrs. John Hill on the marriage of their daughter by Rick and Helen Zipes.

### KAREN AND IAN ZUNDER FAMILY FUND

#### Birthday wishes to:

Neil Shinder on his special birthday by Karen and Ian Zunder.

### THE SAUL AND EDNA GOLDFARB B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

### DAVINA ANNIE FINN B'NAI MITZVAH FUND

#### Birthday wishes to:

Davina Finn by Katie Hammond.

### JACDB LANDAU B'NAI MITZVAH FUND

#### Mazal Tov to:

Jacob Landau on being a Bar Mitzvah by Uncle Jerry, Aunt Tzippi, Rachel, Yisrael, Hadassa and Eliezer.

### JAYME NADOLNY MITZVAH FUND

#### Mazal Tov to:

Sunny and John Tavel on the birth of their grandchildren by Bill Green and Laune Nadolny.

### LEAH KOVACS SCHWEITZER B'NAI MITZVAH FUND

#### Birthday wishes to:

Rosalia Schweitzer on her 80th birthday by Kathi Kovacs, Irwin Schweitzer and Leah.

### JD NATHAN, MATTHEW AND ADAM SHERMAN B'NAI MITZVAH FUND

#### Congratulations to:

Miriam and Victor Rabinovich on the birth of their granddaughter by Stanley Goldstein.

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Toby Appel, husband of the late Freda Appel, and his family sincerely thank everyone who visited Toby during shiva and who made donations in Freda's memory. Your comfort and support through this difficult time are much appreciated. Please accept this general thank you in lieu of individual responses.

**Toby Appel**

# WHAT'S GOING ON

## January 21 to February 3, 2008

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Israeli Folkdancing, Hillel Academy, 31 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 pm.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Weight Watchers Meeting, noon  
JET, Winter Shabbaton with Rabbi Yaakov Haber, Albert at Bay, 435 Albert Street, 2:00 pm.



### CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE

Jan 25 ⚡ 4:41 pm  
Feb 1 ⚡ 4:51 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Youth Department, Mix 4/5/6/7, Glow In The Dark Mini Golf, The Putting Edge, 7:00 pm.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Jewish Federation of Ottawa, Young Adult Division 3rd Annual Mitzvah Day, registration and breakfast 8:00 am., opening ceremonies, 9:30 am.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

The Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies (Carleton University) presents "A Week of Jewish Learning" with Rabbi Chaim Tabasky, in collaboration with the Soloway Jewish Community Centre and Jewish Education through Torah (JET), 7:30 pm.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

Jewish Family Services and Congregation Beth Shalom present The Kibbutz Club, a new seniors luncheon program with entertainment, guest Rubin Friedman, "A Touch of Laughter," Congregation Beth Shalom, 151 Chapel Street, noon.  
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3  
Jewish National Fund, Tu B'Shevat Telethon, Regional Realty Woodward Drive, 9:00 am.  
Chumash Class with Rabbi Tabasky, 8:00 pm.

## COMING SOON

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
OT/Machon Sarah, Adina Ben-Porat Memorial Lecture on Medical Ethics, "Is Alternative Medicine Kosher? A Jewish Ethical Perspective," with Rabbi Eliezer Ben-Porat and Judy Spence, RN, 7:15 pm.  
Info: 613-737-5006 or 613-244-3939.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5  
CFHU and Agudath Israel, An Interactive Evening with Professor Isaiah Gafni, "Insiders and Outsiders in the World of Torah," Agudath Israel, 1400 Coldry Avenue, 7:30 pm.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17  
Temple Israel Books & Bagels book review series, *Natalia and other Stories* by David Bezmoski (2004). Reviewed by Alvin

Ruprecht, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 9:30 am.

Info: 613-224-1802

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
Jewish Family Services and Congregation Agudath Israel present Lef's do Lunch, a monthly luncheon program for seniors, "Name that Tune," with Sherwyn Lyman,

1400 Coldry Avenue, noon.  
Info: 613-722-2225, ext. 325.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
OJHS presents the Artword Theatre production "If Cows Could Fly, Growing Up Jewish in Smiths Falls," a musical play, continues to March 9, Irving Greenberg Theatre Centre, 1233 Wellington Street West.  
Info: [www.ifcowscouldfly.com](http://www.ifcowscouldfly.com).

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

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